

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date of Decision:	28 September 2011
Decision Title:	Student Support Centre at Brookfield Community School and Language College, Sarisbury Green
Decision Reference:	3231
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to the project proposals for the provision of a Student Support Centre at Brookfield Community School and Language College in Sarisbury Green, at an estimated total cost of £290,000 (including fees of £41,000).
- 1.2. The scheme of work at the school to establish a new Student Support Centre is required to provide students facing challenges linked to educational attainment or behavioural issues, with an opportunity to work and learn in a more focused learning environment.

2. Scope of Work

- 2.1. It is proposed to undertake internal alteration works at the school that will involve the reconfiguration of the existing drama facilities building, including the existing drama area, group teaching areas, stores, office and toilet facilities, in order to prepare the school for the provision of the proposed Student Support Centre. The existing drama teaching facilities will be relocated elsewhere on the school site.
- 2.2. The new accommodation in the proposed Student Support Centre will include a reception area, two group teaching areas, practical working areas, two interview rooms, an office, kitchenette, store, accessible W.C. and boys and girls toilet facilities.
- 2.3. Funding for the project was approved at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 28 January 2011 and at the Cabinet meeting on 11 February 2011, and this report outlines the available budget from within which the project must be designed and delivered.
- 2.4. Any significant issues from the Impact Assessment will need to have specific attention in the design and implementation of this project.

3. Contextual Information

- 3.1. Brookfield Community School and Language College is a large secondary school with extensive community use located adjacent to Brook Lane in a residential area of Sarisbury Green in Fareham. The schools net capacity is 1755 and there are currently 1737 pupils on roll. The proposals in this report do not increase pupil capacity.
- 3.2. The proposed new Student Support Centre at the school will provide pupils who are facing educational challenges with an opportunity to receive focused support on an individual basis. This support will run alongside mainstream learning and contribute towards ensuring that students remain predominantly in a mainstream learning environment whilst receiving additional tailored learning programmes at the Centre.
- 3.3. It is proposed that the works be procured through a traditional competitive tender process. It is anticipated that works will commence on site during January 2012 and complete during March 2012.
- 3.4. It is proposed that the contractor access the site by the main school entrance off Brook Lane. The contractor's compound will be located adjacent to the existing drama facilities building. No deliveries or movements of vehicles will take place at the start or end of the school day, in order to avoid traffic conflict when pupils are arriving at or departing from the school.
- 3.5. The school site will remain in use during the construction period, although the drama facilities building will be closed to both staff and students and all existing teaching spaces will be relocated elsewhere on the school site. Local management arrangements will therefore be put in place to manage the health and safety impact to all users.

4. Finance

4.1. Capital Expenditure:

The Capital Expenditure has already been approved; the following tables outline the breakdown of its distribution across the project:

Capital Expenditure	Current Estimate	Capital Programme
	£'000	£'000
Buildings	249	249
Fees	41	41
Total	290	290

4.2. Sources of Funding:

Financial Provision for Total Scheme	Buildings £'000	Fees £'000	Total Cost £'000
1. From Own Resources			
a) Capital Programme (as above)	249	41	290
Total	249	41	290

a) *Building Cost:*

The net cost is £761 m² and the gross cost is £ 792 m². This project consists of internal refurbishment works, so costs will be less than those for an equivalent new build benchmark. Both net and gross costs are calculated exclusive of fees.

b) *Furniture & Equipment:*

No allocation for furniture and equipment has been made within the project funding. Any additional furniture and equipment will be funded directly by the school.

4.3. School Balances:

The school has the following level of balances:

<i>Published revenue balance as at 31 March 2011-</i>	<i>- £211,220</i>
<i>Devolved capital as at 31 March 2011- (including 2011/12 allocation)</i>	<i>+£14,978</i>

4.4. Revenue Issues:

a) Overview of Revenue Implications:

	(a) Employees £'000	(b) Other £'000	(a+b) *Net Current Expenditure £'000	(c) Capital Charges £'000	(a + b + c) Total Net Expenditure £'000
Revenue Implications Additional + / Reductions	0	0	0	15	15

b) *Energy Costs:*

The estimated annual energy consumption for the new accommodation will meet that required by current Building Regulations.

5. Risk & Impact Issues

- 5.1. Please see Appendix B for a summary of the risk and impact issues considered in relation to the design of this project.

6. Details of site and existing Infrastructure

- 6.1. The original school buildings date back to the 1960's and has a series of campus buildings that are of various ages and styles, ranging from single storey traditional brickwork construction to system built four storey SCOLA accommodation.
- 6.2. The proposed internal alteration works will be undertaken solely to the existing drama facilities building, which is located to the north east of the school site and adjoins the existing sports hall that has been recently refurbished.
- 6.3. The existing building is arranged on two levels. A ramp will therefore be provided internally from within the reception area of the proposed Student Support Centre to provide level access to all areas of the building for disabled users.
- 6.4. The existing mains services and drainage infrastructure will be sufficient to accommodate the project proposals.

7. Scope of the Project

- 7.1. The proposed internal alteration works to the existing drama facilities building will include the following accommodation:
- A reception area with ramp for disabled access
 - Two group teaching areas
 - Two practical work areas
 - Two interview/ one to one teaching rooms
 - A store room and adjoining I.T. store
 - A meeting room
 - A kitchenette area with practical wash-up area for use by pupils
 - An office
 - A new accessible W.C.
 - Boys and girls toilet facilities.

8. External Works

- 8.1. There are minimal landscaping works associated with the project, although external ramps will be provided to achieve level access to the building for disabled users via a new entrance area. It also intended to

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replace a number of the existing external windows and doors in the drama facilities building.

9. Planning

9.1. Planning consent is not required for these proposals.

10. Building Management

10.1. The existing building management arrangements will remain in place.

11. Professional Resources

Architectural)	Culture, Communities & Business Services
Mechanical and Electrical)	Culture, Communities & Business Services
Drainage)	Culture, Communities & Business Services
Structural Engineering)	Culture, Communities & Business Services
Quantity Surveying)	Culture, Communities & Business Services
CDM Coordinator)	Culture, Communities & Business Services

12. Consultations

12.1. The following have been consulted during the development of this project and their feedback can be seen in overview in Appendix C:

Local County Councillor
School Head Teacher and Governors
Children's Services
Fire Officer
Access Officer
Planning Officer.

13. Recommendations

13.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to the project proposals for the provision of a Student Support Centre at Brookfield Community School and Language College in Sarisbury Green, at an estimated total cost of £290,000 (including fees of £41,000).

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Children's Services Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2014/15	<u>Reference</u> 2372	<u>Date</u> 28.01.11
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime and disorder in the County. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

3. Fire Risk Assessment

- 3.1. In consultation with the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, a fire risk assessment concludes that this a low fire risk category building. Therefore a sprinkler system will not be installed.

4. Health and Safety

- 4.1. A designer's risk assessment and a design health and safety plan, in accordance with the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2007, have been undertaken for the proposed scheme.

5. Climate Change:

- 5.1. The proposed internal refurbishment works will have minimal impact on the carbon footprint and energy consumption of the buildings. Where lighting is being replaced, low energy lights with movement detection sensors will be utilised to reduce energy consumption.

FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTEES:**OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:**

Executive Member & Portfolio	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted	Response:
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OTHER FORMAL CONSULTEES:

Member/ Councillor	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted	Response:
Councillor S. Woodward	Local Member for Fareham Sarisbury	2.09.11	2.09.11 – Councillor Woodward fully supports the project proposals.