

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date of Decision:	23 March 2012
Decision Title:	Portchester Community School, Portchester
Decision Reference:	3652
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 construction of a new floodlit synthetic turf pitch, two tennis courts and play court improvements at Portchester Community School in Portchester, at an estimated total cost of £500,000.
- 1.2. This project is required to provide enhanced sports facilities at the school that will benefit both pupils and the local community.

2. Scope of Work

- 2.1. It is proposed to construct a new floodlit synthetic turf pitch and two tennis courts on the existing playing field at the school, in addition to the improvement of an existing play court.
- 2.2. The Children's Services funding contribution for the project will be approved in the Children's Services Capital Programme report, which can be found elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting. The Policy and Resources funding contribution was approved at the Executive Member for Policy and Resources Decision Day on 14 April 2005.
- 2.3. 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. Portchester Community School is located off White Hart Lane in a residential area of Portchester in Fareham. The school's net capacity is 842 and there are currently 764 pupils on roll. The proposals in this report will not increase pupil capacity.

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- 3.2. It is proposed that the works be procured through a traditional tender process. It is anticipated that the tenders will be evaluated and contract awarded to enable a start on site in late April 2012 and completion targeted for August 2012.
- 3.3. It is proposed the school site remain in use during the construction period, and local management arrangements will be put in place to manage the health and safety impact to all users.
- 3.4. It is proposed that the contractor access the site via the main school entrance off White Hart Lane. The contractor's compound will be located on the existing play court adjacent to the proposed working area. This will be segregated from pupils and staff, and will be secured with temporary site fencing at all times. 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.

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	445	86
Fees	55	14
Total	500*	100*

* The means by which the difference between the Current Estimate and the Capital Programme allocation is to be met are shown in the table below:

4.2. Sources of Funding:

Financial Provision for Total Scheme	Buildings	Fees	Total Cost
	£'000	£'000	£'000
1. From Own Resources			
a) Capital Programme (as above)	86	14	100
c) School's Devolved Formula Capital	195	22	217
2. From Other Resources			
a) Policy and Resources – Landlords Capital Programme	30	5	35
b) Fareham Borough Council	45	5	50

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c) Sport England Grant	89	9	98
Total	445	55	500

a) *Building Costs:*

The project consists of external games courts and landscaping works, so the net and gross costs are not relevant.

4.3. School Balances:

The school has the following level of balances:

<i>Published revenue balance as at 31 March 2011-</i>	£136,551
<i>Devolved capital as at 31 March 2011-</i>	£298,320

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	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

b) *Energy Costs:*

These are not applicable as there are no buildings being constructed.

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 school is located within a large area of housing and the playing field is also surrounded by houses off King George Road, Queen Mary Road, Castle Grove, Sunningdale Road and Wellington Grove.

6.2. The proposed new synthetic turf pitch and tennis courts will be situated in close proximity to the existing school accommodation and adjacent to the existing play court. Consequently, they will be closely linked to the existing infrastructure that will support them, including power and water supply, car parking, access paths and changing facilities.

6.3. The existing access and parking arrangements will remain in place.

7. Scope of the Project

- 7.1. It is proposed to construct a new synthetic turf pitch and two tennis courts at the school, which have been designed to provide enhanced sports facilities for pupils and the local community on a year-round basis.
- 7.2. These facilities will be suitable for general-purpose, multi-use sports training and practice, as well as for evening and weekend community football and tennis use.
- 7.3. The proposed new synthetic turf pitch will be surfaced in a synthetic grass suitable for football use and other supervised sports activities. It will also be floodlit and fenced with rebound and ball-stop fencing.
- 7.4. The proposed new synthetic turf pitch and floodlighting will be located adjacent to the existing play court on an area of the school playing field that is furthest away from the surrounding houses.
- 7.5. The proposed new floodlighting has been designed to minimise glare and light spillage to meet the necessary standards and planning requirements.
- 7.6. The two tennis courts will also be situated adjacent to the existing play court, to the west of the proposed new synthetic turf pitch. They will be laid out on tarmac surfaces with a secure fence and single access gate for use by maintenance vehicles and pedestrians. The tennis courts will not be floodlit.
- 7.7. It is also proposed to undertake improvement works to an existing hard play court at the school. This will involve extending, resurfacing and marking out this area, in order to provide two new full sized play courts and one new tennis court.

8. External Works

- 8.1. The landscape proposals will include the following:
 - the removal of existing topsoil from the area of the pitches will be retained on the school site.
 - several new trees will be planted around the pitches to reduce visual impact to local residents by filtering and screening views of the pitches
 - a new footpath link will be provided to the eastern side of the pitches from the existing school accommodation.

9. Planning

- 9.1. A planning application was submitted and subsequently approved in April 2009. Consequently, a start on site for the project will be required before 23 April 2012.

10. Management Arrangements

- 10.1. The existing management arrangements for the school site will remain in place during school hours when the pitches are used for curriculum teaching and practice.
- 10.2. The use of the new sports facilities out of school hours will be managed by the school through existing community management arrangements and as

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set out in their Management Plan, in accordance with the conditions of the Planning Approval document.

11. Professional Resources

Landscape) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Mechanical and Electrical) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Drainage) Engineering Consultancy, ETE
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 Member
Portchester Community School Head Teacher and Governors
County Council Planning Department
Fareham Borough Council Planning Department
Access Officer
Crime Prevention Officer
Sport England.

13. Recommendation

13.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to the proposal for the construction of a new floodlit synthetic turf pitch, two tennis courts and play court improvements at Portchester Community School in Portchester, at an estimated total cost of £500,000.

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>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme	3653	23.03.12
New Deal for Schools Condition Funding 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 – Executive Member for Policy and Resources Decision Day	-	14.04.2005
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 was considered in the development of this project appraisal and no adverse impact has been identified.
- 1.2. However, it was noted in the design and access statement for the project that as the school caters for a large number of pupils with specific mobility needs, the design proposals had been developed to consider the access arrangements for disabled users of the sports facilities.
- 1.3. A level, accessible footpath with low level lighting will be installed between the existing school path network and the proposed pitches.
- 1.4. In addition, the threshold entrances to the pitch and tennis courts will be level and the pitch and tennis court markings will be colour coded and clearly defined to the relevant sport governing body regulations. The pitch and tennis courts surfaces will also be suitable for access to spectators in wheel chairs and will be fully accessible to ambulant disabled people.

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. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. The floodlighting has been designed to be as energy efficient as possible and to include automatic shutdown at the end of sessions with the lower-level safety lighting designed to shut down 15 minutes later to ensure safe routes for all users of the pitches.

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 Roger Price	Local Member for Fareham Portchester	2.03.2012	<p>8.03.2012 – Councillor Price fully supports the provision of this facility within the school grounds, as it will provide a much needed facility to both the school and the community as a whole.</p> <p>He asked that the school be reminded of their need to comply with their management plan of July 2009, agreed within the condition of the planning application.</p>