

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
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Decision Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme update
Decision Reference:	3931
Report From:	Director of Children's Services and County Treasurer

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed changes to the 2012/13 capital programme.
- 1.2 The proposals contained in this report are derived from the departmental service plan(s) which have been developed to support the priorities of the Corporate Strategy.

2. Background

Carry forward from 2011/12

- 2.1 A total of £6.146m of 2011/12 resources (£5.806m carried forward in 2010/11) was unspent at the end of the financial year (see appendix 3), excluding resources and projects (totalling £21.414m) carried forward when the 2012/13 capital programme was approved in January 2012. A total of £27.560m will be carried forward into 2012/13.
- 2.2 Of the £6.146m of resources to be carried forward to 2012/13, the largest single component of this carry forward is contingency of £2.959m which is considered reasonable in the light of the scale of the programme. Of the remaining carry forward, £2.617m relates to provision in block votes rather than for specific projects. It is proposed to add these to the block votes for similar provision in the 2012/13 programme.
- 2.3 Taking into account changes since the 2012/13 capital programme was last approved on 31 May 2012 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is made up as shown in Table 1.

Table 1	£'000
Cash limit reported 31 May 2012	91,484
Projects carried forward (not included in original cash limit)	3,187
Contingency carried forward	2,959
Seafield Park (Lee-on-the-Solent Infant) – Developer Contribution	115
Total	97,745

- 2.4 The revised capital programme for 2012/13 is submitted for approval at Appendix 5.
- 2.5 Table 1 refers to a total of £6.146m of projects to be carried forward from 2011/12 to 2012/13. The major components of the carry forward are contingency, Portchester Children's Centre, Health and Safety, Access Improvements in Schools, Furniture and Equipment and projects to be funded from Developer Contributions.
- 2.6 In addition to the carry forward referred to in paragraph 2.5, there were other carry forwards, the effects of which were included in the original 2012/13 capital programme:
- £16.835m carry forward from 2011/12 to 2012/13 was agreed on 18 January 2011 to balance the planned four year programme.
- 2.7 The projects carried forward to 2012/13 in January 2012 were:

Table 2

Project	Project cost	Resources carried forward
Named projects	£'000	£'000
Other Primary Improvements	1,200	1,200
Other Secondary Improvements	1,500	1,500
Other Improvement Projects	400	400
Fareham & Gosport Vocational Provision	7,000	7,000
Queen Elizabeth Barracks Primary, Fleet	5,500	500
Asset Management Plan data provision	300	300
Developers Contribution (Abbotswood)	500	500
Bramley C of E Primary	1,670	1,670
Overton C E Primary	538	388
Stubbington Study Centre	570	500
Rachel Madocks School, Cowplain	600	000
Short Breaks for Disabled Children	825	625
Basic Need funding	6,831	6,831
Total	27,434	21,414

3. Amendments to the 2012/13 capital programme

Access improvements in schools (AIS)

- 3.1 Historically capital grant allocations to local authorities included funding for the Schools Access Initiative to fund access improvements to mainstream schools, principally to meet individual pupils' needs. This specific funding stream has now ceased, but the need for such adaptations will continue, both at a pupil-led and strategic level.
- 3.2 It is proposed that £483,000 of the 2011/12 AIS allocation is carried forward as a result of re-programming various projects. It is recommended that this amount is carried forward and added to the 2012/13 AIS budget.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the projects listed at Appendix 2 be recommended for approval.

Joint Funded Capital Maintenance Projects

- 3.4 A joint approach to capital maintenance expenditure across the school estate was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (ELMCS) on 28 September 2011 and the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on 27 October 2011. Full details of individual projects are reported to Buildings, Land & Procurement Panel (BLAPP) and Children's Services are reporting proposed use of a further contribution of £3.91m.
- 3.5 Further projects have now been identified in line with the priorities previously reported. These projects are listed at Appendix 4 for approval.

Projects to be funded from developers' contributions

- 3.6 The approach for adding developers' contributions to the programme is that contributions for future projects are not added to the programme until the specific scheme has been fully developed and costed. These funds are held in a holding account and released when required.
- 3.7 As a result of the increase in pupil numbers at Lee-on-the-Solent Infant School, a scheme has been designed to improve the general circulation and maximise the use of the shared areas within the school. Therefore, it is proposed to release developers contributions of £115,000 for the delivery of this scheme.

4. 2012/13 capital programme

Weeke Primary School, Winchester

- 4.1 On 15 January 2010, approval was given by the ELMCS to the siting of temporary accommodation at Weeke Primary School to address the pressure on school places. The report on Winchester School Places referred to in 5.1 identifies the ongoing need for additional school places in the City.
- 4.2 Public notices were published on 26 April 2012 to increase the capacity of Weeke Primary School to 2fe (420 places). Following the close of the

notice period, for which no objections were received, approval has been given to the enlargement of the school.

- 4.3 Therefore, it is proposed that the four classrooms currently housed in temporary accommodation, be replaced with a permanent solution to include an extended staffroom and administration area. The scheme has been initially costed at £1.6m (including fees). Subject to approval, the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services will progress a detailed feasibility study within the cost envelope outlined above.
- 4.4 Therefore, it is recommended that £1.6m be identified from the 2012/13 programme to replace the temporary accommodation at Weeke Primary School.

Kings Worthy Primary School, Winchester

- 4.5 Approval was given by ELMCS on 18 January 2012 to the siting of a double temporary classroom at Kings Worthy Primary School as a result of the need for additional school places for September 2012. Forecast numbers for the school show a long term need for a 2 fe (420 place) primary school.
- 4.6 The planned increase in the size of the school requires the publication of notices. Therefore, it is recommended that approval be given to consultations taking place on the proposed enlargement of Kings Worthy Primary School to become a 2fe (420 place) school.
- 4.7 It is also recommended that funding initially estimated at £1.25m be identified for this project, subject to the approval of notices, from the 2012/13 programme and that the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services progress a detailed feasibility study within the cost envelope outlined above. The detailed proposals will be reported to a future Decision Day.

Basic need adaptations to meet pupil growth

- 4.8 As a result of the pressure on school places, there are a number of schools where internal adaptations are required to take place during the summer for completion by September 2012.
- 4.9 The schools where such works are due to take place are listed under the delegated items for approval at Appendix 1.

5. 2013/14 capital programme

Winchester Primary School Places Consultation

- 5.1 The report on the outcome of the Winchester Primary School Places consultation is elsewhere on this agenda and refers to the recommendation that Option A be progressed at an overall cost of £10.04m.
- 5.2 Therefore, it is recommended that the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services develop detailed feasibility studies within the cost envelope of £10.04m and that the detailed proposals be brought to a future Decision Day.

South Farnborough Junior School

- 5.3 As a result of the increase in births and new housing in the South Farnborough area, additional places are required at the Junior School. The increased number of pupils at the feeder schools has resulted in a significant demand for additional places at the Junior School. To meet this demand it is planned to increase the size of the school by 1fe to create a 3fe (360 place) school. The permanent build solution will provide four additional classrooms required to enable the school to accommodate the increase in pupil numbers. The scheme is costed at £1.6m (including fees).
- 5.4 The planned increase in the size of the school requires the publication of notices. Therefore, it is recommended that approval be given to consultations taking place on the proposed enlargement of South Farnborough Junior School to become a 3fe (360 place) school
- 5.5 Therefore, it is recommended that £1.6m be identified from the 2013/14 programme for the project at South Farnborough Junior school. The detailed proposals will be reported to a future Decision Day.

6. Action taken by the Director of Children's Services

- 6.1 Under delegated powers, and following consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, the action set out in Appendix 1 has been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

7. Temporary Classrooms

New Temporary Classroom Requirements

Calthorpe Park Secondary School, Fleet

- 7.1 The pressure on school places in Fleet was reported as part of the ELMCS report on 18 January 2012. Calthorpe Park School is currently operating at capacity and to ensure the school has the appropriate provision to accommodate the immediate pressure on school places for September 2012, it is recommended that a triple temporary classroom be located on to the school site.
- 7.2 Therefore, it is recommended that approval is given to submit a planning application for the siting of a triple temporary classroom until 31 August 2017.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £97.745m for 2012/13 be approved.
- 8.2 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 1 are noted.
- 8.3 That the projects listed at Appendix 2 for Access Improvements in Schools are approved.

- 8.4 That it be a recommendation to Cabinet that the uncommitted funding of £6.146m as set out in Appendix 3 be carried forward from the 2011/12 to the 2012/13 programme.
- 8.5 That the projects listed at Appendix 4 for Joint Capital Maintenance Programme are approved.
- 8.6 That the revised Capital Programme for 2012/13 at Appendix 5 is approved.
- 8.7 It is recommended that the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services be asked to develop detailed feasibility studies within the cost envelope of £10.04m for the preferred option for Winchester Primary School places. With funding identified from the 2013/14 programme.
- 8.8 It is recommended that £1.6m be identified from the 2012/13 programme to replace the temporary accommodation at Weeke Primary School.
- 8.9 It is recommended that approval be given to consultations taking place on the proposed enlargement of Kings Worthy Primary School to become a 2fe (420 place) school. It is recommended that approval be sought to the publication of Statutory Notices for Kings Worthy Primary School to become a 2fe (420 place) school. It is also recommended that funding initially estimated at £1.25m be identified for this project, subject to the approval of notices, from the 2012/13 programme.
- 8.10 It is recommended that approval be given to consultations taking place on the proposed enlargement of South Farnborough Junior School to become a 3fe (360 place) school. It is recommended that £1.6m be identified from the 2013/14 programme for the project at South Farnborough Junior school.
- 8.11 That approval be given to submit a planning application for the siting of a triple temporary classroom at Calthorpe Park School, Fleet until 31 August 2017.

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):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	
<i>NB: Only complete this section if you have not completed any of the Corporate Strategy tick boxes above. If it is not applicable, please delete.</i>	

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Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme 2012/13 update	3831	31 May 2012
Children's Services Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2014/15	3653	23 March 2012
Children's Services capital programme issues	3458	18 January 2012
Children's Services capital programme updated	3314	7 December 2011
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:

Equality and diversity objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

Crime and disorder objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

When the Children's Services Capital Programme invests in new build, replacement or refurbishment works, Property Services colleagues include an assessment of reductions in energy consumption (carbon use) in the design. In all new buildings and in the majority of refurbishment type investments, the latest technologies and materials are specified in order to maximise the impact on reducing carbon consumption. Many projects are also able to employ passive design approaches including natural ventilation and improved insulation to actively reduce consumption in summer and winter conditions.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposals seek to provide compact and energy-efficient building envelopes. Any new build or extensions will meet current building regulations standards for thermal performance. Where possible, appropriate sustainable materials will be employed to reduce the environmental impact of the proposals.