

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date of Decision:	22 January 2014
Decision Title:	Park Community School, Havant
Decision Reference:	5365
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 synthetic turf pitch at Park Community School in Havant, at an estimated total cost of £498,000.
- 1.2. This project will complement the comprehensive building improvement works at the school enhancing the sports facilities available 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 (STP) on the existing playing field at the school.
- 2.2. Funding for the project was approved at the Children's Services Decision Day on 24 October 2013 and this report outlines the available budget from within which the project will be designed and delivered.
- 2.3. The procurement route for the project will be approved by the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services.
- 2.4. Any significant issues from the Impact Assessment will require specific attention in the design and implementation of this project.

3. Contextual Information

- 3.1. The school is a secondary school located off Middle Park Way in Leigh Park, Havant. The school buildings and immediate environment are currently undergoing a major rebuilding and improvement programme which is due for completion in Spring 2015. The existing playing fields are undersized (as recommended by Department for Education guidance) and poorly drained and the provision of the STP will significantly increase the capacity to accommodate sports use particularly in winter months.

- 3.2. It is proposed that the works be procured through a traditional tender process. It is anticipated that works will commence on site during March 2014 and complete during July 2014.
- 3.3. It is proposed that the contractor will access the site by a temporary access road off Middle Park Way. This will be separate to the access being used by the existing principal works contractors. 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.
- 3.4. The school site will 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.

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	432	56
Fees	66	9
	498*	65*

* 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)	56	9	65
b) Schools Devolved Capital Budget	26	-	26
c) Schools Revenue Budget	94	15	109
2. From Other Resources			
a) Sport England Inspired Facilities Grant Award	84	14	98
b) Havant Borough Council	172	28	200
Total	432	66	498

a) *Equipment:*

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

4.3. School Balances:

The school has the following level of balances:

Published revenue balance as at 31 March 2013- £617,938

Devolved capital as at 31 March 2013- £9,634 (£26,073 as at December 2013)

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	71	71

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 proposed site of the new STP was previously the site of a former special school which was demolished in the 1990s. The land was later re-graded and restored to provide the school with a grass sports pitch.

6.2. The site is generally flat and lies immediately adjacent to Middle Park Road and to the north of the Hermitage Stream.

6.3. To the north, an existing floodlit multi-use games area (MUGA) provides the school and community with a valuable facility, beyond which lies the main school buildings.

6.4. A number of residential properties are located to the east of the site along Middle Park Road, and to the south along Keyhaven Drive.

7. Scope of the Project

7.1. It is proposed to construct a new floodlit synthetic turf pitch at the school, which has been designed to provide enhanced sports facilities for pupils and the local community on a year-round basis.

7.2. The new sports facility will be suitable for general-purpose, multi-use sports training and practice, as well as for evening and weekend community football 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 floodlighting has been designed to minimise glare and light spillage to meet the necessary standards and planning requirements.

8. External Works

- 8.1. The landscape proposals will include the following:
 - A line of new trees will be planted along Middle Park Road and to the south along Hermitage Stream to reduce visual impact to local residents.
 - Temporary access road for construction and a permanent emergency access serving the pitch.

9. Planning

- 9.1. A planning application was submitted in November 2013.

10. Building Management

- 10.1. The facilities management arrangements by the school for the existing MUGA will be extended to include the new STP.

11. Professional Resources

Landscape) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Electrical) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Drainage) 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/Governors
Children's Services
Access Officer
Planning Department
Local Residents
Environment Agency

13. Recommendations

- 13.1. That the Executive Member for Education gives approval to the proposal for the construction of a synthetic turf pitch at Park Community School in Havant, at an estimated total cost of £498,000.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
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:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
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.
- 1.2. The design proposals have been developed to consider the access arrangements for disabled users of the sports facilities.

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.
- 2.2. It is anticipated that that the provision of an STP will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime within the local area as a result providing enhanced facilities on the school site; the school having a long established 'open site' philosophy encouraging constructive play and active leisure in the evenings and at weekends. This is supported by a very close and effective partnership with the Safer Schools Partnership Officer.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. The floodlighting has been designed to be energy efficient 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 egress routes for all users of the pitches.

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

Executive Member & Portfolio	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted	Response:

OTHER FORMAL CONSULTEES:

Member/ Councillor	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted	Response:
Councillor Fairhurst	Local Member for Bedhampton and Leigh Park	20.12.2013	Cllr Fairhurst fully supports the proposals. <i>"I fully support this and feel it would be of immense benefit to both the school and surrounding community."</i>
Councillor Finch	Local Member for Bedhampton and Leigh Park	20.12.2013	