

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	23 March 2015
Title:	The Romsey School
Reference:	6504
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 Romsey School at an estimated total cost to Hampshire County Council (HCC) of £464,000.
- 1.2. This paper also seeks to obtain procurement and spend approval for contracting activity associated with the project.

2. Scope of Work

- 2.1. It is proposed to construct an extension to the existing Performing Arts Block to tackle pupil pressures and circulation issues. It is also proposed to construct an extension to West Block to enlarge the existing Languages and Technology rooms. Internal refurbishment works will also be undertaken as part of the project.
- 2.2. Funding for the overall project of £1,000,000 was approved at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 25 July 2014. The project is being funded jointly by HCC and by the academy.
- 2.3. For operational reasons, the funding allocation, of £1,000,000, within the Children's Services Capital Programme, was split into two phases. Phase 1 (which comprised of the internal remodelling and refurbishment of a Craft Block and the dining facility) was completed in September 2014. This report seeks approval to Phase 2 works.

3. Contextual Information

- 3.1. The Romsey School is a secondary school academy located on Greatbridge Road, Romsey.
- 3.2. The project does not propose to increase the school's pupil capacity. Some of the existing classrooms are below current space standards; this

project aims to create additional space and remodel existing rooms to produce larger and better teaching spaces.

- 3.3. It is proposed that the works be procured through a traditional tender process. It is anticipated that works will commence on site during May 2015 and complete during August 2015.
- 3.4. It is proposed that the contractor will access the school site by the main school entrance off of Greatbridge Road. The contractor's compound will be located adjacent to the proposed extension.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. 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. The project is being funded jointly by Hampshire County Council and the academy. The table below shows the funding information for this Phase (2) of works:

	Capital Programme Allocation	Current Estimate (HCC)	<i>Funding from The Romsey School (not HCC funding)</i>	Total project costs
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	a	b	c	b+c
Buildings	398	398	511	909
Fees	66	66	55	121
Total	464	464	566	1,030

a) *Building Cost:*

New Build

Net Cost = £1,832 per m²
 Gross Cost = £1,890 per m²

Refurbishment

Net Cost = £791 per m²
 Gross Cost = £836 per m²

b) *Furniture & Equipment:*

The loose furniture, fittings and IT equipment allocation will be provided outside of this project and will be funded separately by The Romsey School.

c) *Energy Consumption:*

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 existing building was built in 1968 is of framed construction with facing brickwork, a high performance roof and powder coated metal windows.
- 6.2. The existing mains services and drainage infrastructure at the site will be sufficient to accommodate the project proposals.

7. Scope of the Project

- 7.1. The works will include:

- An extension to the Performing Arts building
- An extension to the West Block
- Associated internal refurbishment works

8. The Proposed Building

- 8.1. The proposed single storey extensions are designed to complement the form, character and scale of the original building which it adjoins. External walls will be facing brickwork with a high performance roof and aluminium windows.

9. External Works

- 9.1. The project does not propose to undertake any external or landscaping works.

10. Car Parking

- 10.1. The project does not propose to alter the car parking provision in any way.

11. Planning

- 11.1. A planning application was submitted in August 2014.

12. Building Management

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

13. Professional Resources

Architectural) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Landscape) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Mechanical and Electrical)	Culture, Communities & Business Services
Drainage) Economy, Transport and Environment
Structural Engineering) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Quantity Surveying) Culture, Communities & Business Services
Construction, Design & Management Coordinator) Culture, Communities & Business Services

14. Consultations

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

- Headteacher
- School Governors
- Children's Services
- Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
- Local County Councillor
- Local Residents
- Fire Officer
- Access Officer
- Planning Department

15. Recommendations

15.1. That the Executive Member for Education gives approval to the project proposals at The Romsey School with Hampshire County Council funding of £464,000.

15.2. That the Executive Member for Education grants procurement and spending approval for contracting activity associated with the project as outlined in Section 3.3 of this report.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. An equalities impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified. Access requirements are always considered during the design stages of building maintenance projects and are often improved.

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. Sprinkler systems shall be installed in new and refurbished buildings where appropriate, based upon a risk assessment methodology.
- 3.2. With respect to fire safety and property protection, the proposals have been risk assessed in line with the agreed Property Services procedures, and confirmed that the provision of sprinklers is not required in this instance.
- 3.3. The proposals will meet the requirements of the Building Regulations (BB100 Fire Safety in Schools), including enhancements beyond minimum provision, and are consistent with current fire safety legislation, the partnership arrangement with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services, and are in line with the County Council's policy to manage corporate risk.
- 3.4. The project proposals include the following fire safety and enhanced features:
 - Additional automatic fire protection, with full (24/7) remote monitoring.
 - External finishes specified as fire resistant.
 - Reduced fire compartment sizes.
 - Consideration of secure by design principles including specific site security, bin storage away from building, external lighting etc.

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 project will incorporate the following sustainability features:
 - A highly insulated building envelope for the extension including high performance windows, doors and roof lights to reduce energy consumption.

- A site waste management plan will be developed to ensure that during construction the principles of minimising waste are maintained.
- Energy efficient lighting and heating controls, as each light fitting will be day-light linked with absence detection to ensure the minimum energy is used.
- External lighting to provide safe access and emergency escape routes that will be carefully designed to prevent light pollution to avoid nuisance to residential properties.
- Low water-consumption sanitary installations.
- Natural ventilation to main spaces.
- Strategic placement of extended roof canopies above large glazing areas to avoid summer time overheating.
- Acoustic attenuation to allow natural ventilation.
- Provision of excellent levels of day lighting to all teaching areas to reduce the need for artificial lighting and energy use.
- The use of timber from sustainable sources.

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

Executive Member & Portfolio	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted
Councillor Keith Mans, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services	Portfolio Holder	13 March 2015

OTHER FORMAL CONSULTEES:

Member/ Councillor	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted
Councillor Mark Cooper	Local Member for Romsey Town	13 March 2015