

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
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Decision Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme update
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed changes to the 2015/16 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 2014/15

- 2.1 A total of £9.490m of 2014/15 resources was unspent at the end of the financial year (see appendix 2), excluding resources and projects (totalling £8.973m) carried forward when the 2015/16 capital programme was approved in January 2015. A total of £18.463m will be carried forward into 2015/16, of which £15.309m is already committed.
- 2.2 Of the £9.490m of resources to be carried forward to 2015/16, the largest single component of this carry forward is the contingency of £3.154m which is considered reasonable in the light of the increased size of the programme.
- 2.3 Taking into account changes since the 2015/16 capital programme was last approved on 23 March 2015 (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 23 March 2015	64.260
Projects carried forward (not included in original cash limit)	6.336
Contingency carried forward	3.154
Nursery revenue reserves – transfer to capital, Aviary	0.078
Total	73.828

- 2.4 The revised capital programme for 2015/16 is submitted for approval at Appendix 1.
- 2.5 Table 1 refers to a total of £6.336m of projects to be carried forward from 2014/15 to 2015/16. The details are shown in Appendix 2.
- 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 2015/16 capital programme:
- £15.945m carry forward from 2013/14 to 2014/15 was agreed in January 2013 to balance the planned four year programme.
- £6m brought forward from 2015/16 to 2014/15 in January 2013
- 2.7 The projects carried forward to 2015/16 in January 2015, of which the majority are now fully committed are shown below in Table 2.

Table 2

Project	Project cost	Resources carried forward
Named projects	£'000	£'000
Childrens Homes	6.900	6.900
Brookfield Community School, Sarisbury Green	1.100	1.100
Herne Junior, Petersfield	0.400	0.400
Henry Tyndale, Farnborough	0.145	0.145
Photovoltaic in schools (Solar Panels)	0.300	0.300
Projects funded by Developer Contributions	0.128	0.128
Total	8.973	8.973

- 2.8 As previously reported, the construction industry is experiencing significant inflationary pressures as demand increases across the sector. Additional provision will need to be made for this in future years and full details will be reported in January 2016.

3. Amendments to the 2015/16 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 the projects listed at Appendix 3 be recommended for approval.

Joint Funded School Condition (Capital Maintenance) Projects

- 3.3 A joint approach to school condition 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 through Children's Services capital programme reports.
- 3.4 Further projects have now been identified in line with the priorities previously reported. These projects are listed at Appendix 4 for approval.

Amendments to 2014/15 capital programme projects

The Crescent Primary, Eastleigh

- 3.5 Funding was approved by the ELMCS on 23 January 2013 for a 1fe expansion of Crescent Primary School. Additional funding of £0.179m was approved on the 21 January 2015 due to unforeseen structural and site issues. Since then further costs have been incurred to upgrade the existing services and the opportunity has been taken to address some of the existing building condition issues.
- 3.6 Therefore, it is recommended that a further £0.291 (including fees) be approved from the 2015/16 capital programme contingency to complete this scheme.

Park Community School, Havant

- 3.7 The scheme to rebuild the majority of Park Community School started in 2013 and is now nearing completion. The Director of Culture, Community and Business Services has agreed the final account for the project with the main contractor. This has been a complex scheme with a significant amount of asbestos identified that has required removal.
- 3.8 The full extent of the work associated with the asbestos removal and other additional costs have been finalised together with a time extension. As a result additional funding of £0.245m is required to complete this scheme.
- 3.9 Therefore, it is recommended that a further £0.245 (including fees) be approved from the 2015/16 capital programme contingency to complete this scheme.

Warblington Community School, Havant

- 3.10 Funding of £4.3m was approved by the ELMCS on 23 January 2013 for a new 4-court sports hall, Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), refurbished tennis courts and the relocation of the pre-school at Warblington Community School. Due to additional work associated with asbestos removal, the existing drainage system and other condition issues additional costs have been incurred on this project.
- 3.11 Therefore, it is recommended that a further £0.350m (including fees) be approved from the 2015/16 capital programme contingency to complete this scheme.

4. 2015/16 Capital Programme

Buryfields Infant & Mayhill Junior, Odiham

- 4.1 A project to expand Buryfields Infant School and Mayhill Junior School to 3fe was approved by ELMCS on 21 January 2015. At the time it was expected that both projects would start in 2017/18. However, following an update of the forecast pupil data, it is proposed to start the scheme at Mayhill Junior School in the current financial year.
- 4.2 The latest feasibility study is costed at £1m (including fees). Work is also planned at Buryfields Infant School which will start next year at an estimated cost of £0.9m (including fees).
- 4.3 Therefore, it is recommended that the project at Mayhill Junior is added to the 2015/16 capital programme.

Whitehill & Bordon Future Skills Centre

- 4.4 A successful proposal to develop a skills centre in Bordon has been approved by the M3 LEP Board. Securing these funds will allow the creation of a flagship facility for the Whitehill and Bordon community and equip local people with the skills to access the employment opportunities being created through the town's redevelopment. The County Council is working with East Hampshire District Council, Mill Chase School, Alton College and wider partners to develop the scheme.
- 4.5 The County Council has secured an award of a £3.7m through the Local Growth Fund (LGF) grant from the Enterprise M3 LEP's Board. Pump priming funding of £0.250m has been allocated to support the early development of the scheme. The signed agreement is for a total project cost of £3.95 million, of which the LGF Request provides £3.7 million.
- 4.6 A full detailed project appraisal will be brought to a future Decision Day.
- 4.7 It is recommended that a contribution of £0.250m from the 2015/16 capital programme is allocated to the Whitehill & Bordon Future Skills Centre.

Robert May's, Odiham

4.8 As part of the local pressure on secondary school places, it is planned to expand Robert May's school in Odiham. The school is located on a restricted site for which additional land is required for the planned future expansion.

4.9 An opportunity has arisen to acquire some additional land adjacent to the school site.

Therefore, it is recommended that detailed negotiations take place with a view to acquiring the land with the costs being met from the 2015/16 capital programme.

Woodcroft Primary, Waterloo

4.10 On 11 September 2008, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources (EMPR) set out the details of the reorganisation of the former Meadowlands Infant and Junior Schools to form the new Woodcroft Primary School. The report sought authority to declare an area of the former school site surplus and to dispose of the land either on the open market or to Grainger plc who have an interest in land to the north of the school site.

4.11 On 19 October 2009 the EMPR approved the relocation of the schools playing field, to facilitate future access to development land adjacent to the school site.

4.12 The schools sports pitch will be relocated to land adjoining the school site with the developer funding all of the works associated with the provision of the new facility. The estimated cost of the new pitch and associated works is £0.207m which will be funded by the developer.

Wildern School, Hedge End

4.13 As a result of growth in secondary school numbers in the Hedge End area, it has been agreed to extend Wildern School using modular accommodation in advance of the planned new secondary school in Horton Heath.

4.14 The project is estimated to cost £0.850m to include the provision of six additional modular classrooms with IT, furniture and equipment and a **MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area).

4.15 It is recommended that this project is included within the 2015/16 capital programme at an estimated cost of £0.850m (including fees).

Leesland CE (Controlled) Junior, Gosport

- 4.16 The proposal to expand this school by a 1fe was reported to ELMCS on 23 March 2015 for a start in 2016/17.
- 4.17 However, following an update of the forecast pupil data, it is proposed to bring the scheme forward in to the 2015/16 programme at an estimated cost of £1m.
- 4.18 Therefore, it is recommended that the project at Leesland CE (Controlled) Junior School be added to the 2015/16 capital programme at an estimated cost of £1m (including fees).

5. 2016/17 Capital Programme

Trosnant Infant & Junior, Havant

- 5.1 A scheme is being developed for a 1fe expansion at Trosnant Infant and Junior schools to reflect the forecast pressure on school places from the local area.
- 5.2 Therefore, it is recommended that the above scheme be incorporated into the 2016/17 programme at an estimated cost of £3.0m (including fees). A detailed report will be brought 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 5 has been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

7. Modular Classrooms

- 7.1 On-going pressures on school places require additional modular buildings to be acquired. Details of the location of modular buildings required for September 2015 are listed in Appendix 5. In some cases the units will be rented due to the shorter term requirement, whilst others will be purchased recognising a longer term pressure in those locations. It is recommended that approval be given for the application of planning for modular buildings to be located on the sites listed at Appendix 5.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £73.828m for 2015/16 be approved.
- 8.2 That the revised Capital Programme for 2015/16 at Appendix 1 is approved.
- 8.3 That it be a recommendation to Cabinet that the uncommitted funding of £9.490m as set out in Appendix 2 be carried forward from the 2014/15 to the 2015/16 programme

- 8.4 That the projects listed at Appendix 3 for Access Improvements in Schools are approved.
- 8.5 That the projects listed at Appendix 4 for Joint Capital Maintenance Programme are approved.
- 8.6 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 6 are noted.
- 8.7 It is recommended that the project at Wildern School, Hedge End is progressed with an expected cost of £0.850m to be funded from 2015/16 capital programme.
- 8.8 It is recommended that additional contributions for the three 2014/15 projects at The Crescent Primary, Park Community and Warblington schools totalling £0.886m are approved and funded from 2015/16 capital programme contingency.
- 8.9 That approval is given to submit a planning application for the siting of modular classrooms at schools listed at Appendix 5.

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:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme 2015/16 update	6463	23 March 2015
Children's Services Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18	6174	21 January 2015
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:

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.

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.