

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the major programmes and issues currently being progressed relating to:

- Children's Services Schools Capital Programme
- Strategic Asset Management and One Public Sector Estate
- Energy Programmes

2. Children's Services Schools Capital Programme Update

2.1 The Capital programme has grown significantly and particularly in relation to the delivery of additional school places which will be needed across Hampshire in the next 3 to 5 years. There are pressures on funding from Grant and Developers' Contributions.

2.2 There is continued and regular dialogue with Government Departments, the Department for Education (DfE) and the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to maximise funding. Benchmark cost data has been collated and published to help inform future grant funding levels and opportunities are being taken to identify and bring additional funding into Hampshire, such as, from the Free Schools programme.

2.3 Dialogue continues with District and Borough Councils (as planning authorities) to secure education infrastructure sites and developers contributions. Negotiations are ongoing with developers for sites to maximise financial contributions to schools from new housing developments; particularly for the new secondary and primary school provision planned for North Whiteley (Winchester), Whitehill Bordon, and Horton Heath (Eastleigh). There is early design development work being undertaken to

support the proposals for school provision in the new housing planned for Manydown to the west of Basingstoke.

- 2.4 There are a significant number of new primary schools and school extensions planned for 2016-17 openings which are now on site or at planning design stages and there are further programmes of new primary schools and school extension projects for 2017-18 and 2018-19, openings which are also into the early design stages and in consultation stages with local schools.
- 2.5 In addition to the primary school places there are now further places identified as required within the secondary school provision in the coming three to five years and three projects have been named and added to the capital programme. Design development work has now started on these; two new secondary schools related to new housing developments at Whitehill Bordon and North Whiteley, and an extension for one additional form of entry to Robert May's School, Odiham.
- 2.6 Design work has commenced on proposals for a site for a new all-through school (a combined secondary and primary provision) at Horton Heath, Eastleigh in support of proposals for a Free School bid being made by Wildern Academy Trust to the DfE. The design work on the Horton Heath project is being progressed ahead of any project appraisal and the project has not been added as yet to the capital programme as the funding is still to be confirmed.
- 2.7 It is proposed that a main contractor be procured for the Horton Heath All-through School proposal for the design development up to a planning application stage and approval is being sought from the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for capital funding of £150,000 for the pre-construction design development work by the contractor. The contract will not be let until all the funding is secured and the contractor's tender price is acceptable. The contractor will be procured by mini-competition from the Southern Construction Framework. This framework has been established and is being managed by Hampshire's Property Services on behalf of public sector bodies in the South East region. It provides access to construction capacity at competitively agreed rates alongside cost and buildability input and provides confidence of delivery on time and on budget.
- 2.8 There is also other design work being progressed for new schools with two Academy sponsors, the Universities of Winchester and Chichester, in Aldershot, Whitehill Bordon and Barton Farm, Winchester.
- 2.9 Downward pressure is being maintained on project costs in the light of ongoing reductions in public spending and the relatively high level of inflation continuing in the construction industry across the country. This includes a review of the design brief for schools, efficiently planned building and site proposals, and economies of scale across programmes of work using common design templates and specifications. Resources are being planned

and secured for the delivery of these extensive programmes of work over the coming three years.

- 2.10 In addition to new school places there is a programme for five new children's homes, three children's homes are currently in construction on site and due to be completed this year. The project for the relocation of the Linden Education Centre to Aldershot is out to tender and due to start on site early summer to complete and be open in the autumn 2017.

3. Strategic Asset management and One Public Sector Estate

- 3.1 Hampshire County Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) for the period 2015 – 2018 has now been in place for one year. It brings together service and property strategies in a document which gives a complete overview of the County Council's property assets and how it is intended to manage and develop them to fulfil service needs, transformation and corporate objectives. Good progress has been made against a number of the key actions set out in the plan. With some of the most significant being highlighted below.
- 3.2 One of the aims of the Plan continues to be raising awareness throughout the County Council so that property decisions are taken as part of a coordinated process. This is especially important at a time of significant transformation, when many opportunities to generate efficiencies, savings and potential revenue income need to be realised, all of which could benefit from a more coordinated approach. A significant step forward in pursuit of this has been the creation of a new Asset Forum for Senior Officers. This has been meeting since the launch of the new plan drawing together officers from Property and the Service delivery functions to share ideas and challenges. It has also helped drive forward other key actions in the plan such as a programme looking at the effectiveness of the partial "Corporate Landlord" model which is currently in operation, and an investigation into the practical implications and options for moving further towards a fully corporate approach to property and asset management. The asset forum group have also spent time reviewing synergies between different services, looking at the ability to physically co-locate and most importantly any service or business benefits which would result from a collaborative approach to service delivery. This in turn is being used to inform transformation workstreams such as community hubs and locality working.
- 3.3 The SAMP also highlights how the County Council is working in partnership with a range of other public bodies, and those within the voluntary sector, to share and integrate both services and buildings. A key action has been to continue to support central government and the Local Government Association in furthering the One Public Estate approach nationally and to continue to develop relationships with the Cabinet Office. Progress in relation to this has been highlighted by the successful application to participate in the third phase of the Government Property Unit's One Public Estate Programme from 2016 onwards. £400,000 has been awarded to

develop a series of projects including working closely with Districts and Boroughs, the MOD, Health, the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Work and Pensions. This work is being coordinated through the Wider Hampshire One Public Estate Land and Assets Board, chaired by HCC as the Lead Authority. Land and Asset data has been gathered and mapped for all partners, and will be used to benchmark and uncover new opportunities for collaborative working.

- 3.4 The Director of CCBS has recently attended a meeting with the Cabinet Office, LGA and the Solent LEP to discuss synergies across the wider Hampshire estate. The LEP has also been successful in securing a similar fund to progress OPE projects in the south of the region. These opportunities are in Southampton and Portsmouth. Hampshire Property Services has agreed to share knowledge and provide some limited support to their programme. There is potential to bid for LEP funding in the future for initiatives in their geographical area. Current projects in Havant, Gosport, Fareham and Eastleigh in Hampshire could potentially benefit. The Cabinet Office continues to support the work of the Council and recognises our achievements and innovation in this field.

4. Energy Programmes

PV on County Farm Buildings

- 4.1 Given the recent reduction in the Feed in Tariffs, and the potential this has for changing the financial dynamics of the solar PV market, the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services has put together a procurement package for approximately £200,000 of work and will undertake an open tender to test the market conditions. Should these prove favourable works will proceed across the summer to install solar PV on a number of County farms.

Energy Performance Programme Corporate Buildings Phase 3

- 4.2 The programme of works comprising LED lighting replacement, improved insulation, draught proofing and similar projects across the corporate estate is currently being delivered.
- 4.3 This work will, where possible, be combined with a landlord programme of ceiling replacements in buildings like corporate offices, libraries and social care properties using potential funding sources like Salix Loans and the Policy and Resources Capital Energy Budget.

Energy Performance Programme Phase 1 for Schools

- 4.4 A proposal is being developed to offer schools access to an energy performance programme. This will not require any funding from the Council. It is intended to secure money through a Salix loan paid back from the

energy savings. The proposal will be taken to the Schools Forum in the spring.

- 4.5 A small scale programme with 10 schools has commenced and the details will be worked up into a procurement package by the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in the coming weeks.

Carbon Management Plan Phase 2

- 4.6 The Director of CCBS is currently formulating the second phase of the carbon management plan which would see measures put in place to achieve the second carbon reduction target of 40% by 2025.
- 4.7 It is proposed to bring a detailed proposal to a future meeting of the Panel.

Feed-In Tariff (FiT) Subsidies

- 4.8 In January the Government announced a significant reduction in Feed-In Tariffs (FiT) for PV installations until the end of March 2016 when the tariffs will be reviewed.
- 4.9 All business cases will be revisited once there is clarity on the outcome of the FiTs reduction; the impacts of which will be reported to a future meeting of the Panel.

5. Recommendations

That the Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that:

- 5.1. Funding for the new all-through school at Horton Heath, at a value of £150,000 to come from the Children's Services Capital Programme, is approved.
- 5.2. Approval is given to the appointment of a contractor for the pre-construction phase of the Horton Heath all-through school to be secured by mini-competition from the Southern Construction Framework.
- 5.3. Progress of each of the programmes is noted.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
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):	

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. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;

Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This report provides an update on major programmes being progressed within the department.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This update report has no impact upon crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. This is an update report which has no impact upon climate change.