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
Decision Reference:	7575
Report From:	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report sets out proposed changes to the 2016/17 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 2015/16

2.1 A total of £18.747m of 2015/16 resources was unspent at the end of the financial year (see Appendix 2), excluding resources and projects (totalling £8.119m) carried forward when the 2016/17 capital programme was approved in January 2016. A total of £26.866m will be carried forward into 2016/17, of which £17.222m is already committed.

2.2 Of the £18.747m of resources to be carried forward in to 2016/17, the largest single component is the contingency of £9.644m which is considered reasonable in the light of the increased size of the programme.

2.3 Taking into account changes since the 2016/17 capital programme was last approved on 25 May 2016 (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 25 May 2015	72.327
Projects carried forward (not included in original cash limit)	9.103
Contingency carried forward	9.644
Aldershot Urban Expansion – Developer funding for deed of variation	1.200
Additional Developer Contributions – Various sites	1.468
Swanwick Lodge – DFE Grant awarded	1.181
Total	**94.923**

2.4 The revised capital programme for 2016/17 is submitted for approval at Appendix 1.

2.5 Table 1 refers to a total of £9.103m of projects to be carried forward from 2015/16 to 2016/17. 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 2016/17 capital programme.

2.7 The projects carried forward to 2016/17 in January 2016, 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**
The Linden Centre, Farnborough	5.500	5.500
Children's Homes	2.369	2.369
Bordon/Whitehill Skills Centre	0.250	0.250
Total	**8.119**	**8.119**

2.8 As previously reported, the construction industry is experiencing significant and volatile inflationary pressures as demand fluctuates across the sector. Additional provision will need to be made for this in future years and full details will be reported in January 2017.

3. Amendments to the 2016/17 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.

Aldershot Urban Extension - Deed of Variation

3.3 In order to commence construction of the first new primary school within the Aldershot Urban Extension the developer must as a condition of the Section 106 ensure all contamination on the school site is fully mitigated.

3.4 To ensure this is undertaken in the most effective way the County Council will undertake the works to an agreed specification with the developer. The developer will fully fund the required works on an 'open book' basis as part of his Section 106 obligations.

3.5 Therefore, it is recommended that a figure of £1.2m is added to the current programme to cover the estimated costs of mitigation works on the site.

Swanwick Lodge Children's Home

3.6 A grant of £1.181m has been awarded by the Department of Education (DfE) to undertake a number of improvement works at Swanwick Lodge. The award has been granted on the basis that the works will be completed by 31 March 2017. The projects being funded are:

- Drama room extension
- Relocation of library and visitors suite
- Window strengthening
- Fees to undertake feasibility study for new media panels, telephone system, doors, access controls and biometrics.

3.7 The projects are all due to complete within the required timeframe. Therefore it is recommended that the resources of £1.181m (including fees) are added to the 2016/17 programme.

East Anton Primary, Andover

3.8 The new East Anton School is included with in the current years programme to provide a new 2fe school. To future proof the site for expansion an additional 0.8ha of land has been negotiated with the housing developer, Taylor Wimpey, at a cost of £0.200m for the freehold ownership. This will allow for the school to be expanded to 3fe in line with forecast pupil numbers.

3.9 Therefore, it is recommended that this land be purchased from the 2016/17 capital programme basic need allocation at a cost of £0.200m.

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

4.1 Under delegated powers and following consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, the action set out in Appendix 4 has been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

5. Recommendations

5.1 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £94.923m for 2016/17 be approved.

5.2 That the revised Capital Programme for 2016/17 at Appendix 1 is approved.

5.3 That it be a recommendation to Cabinet that the uncommitted funding of £18.747m as set out in Appendix 2 be carried forward from the 2015/16 to the 2016/17 programme

5.4 That the projects listed at Appendix 3 for Access Improvements in Schools are approved.

5.5 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 4 are noted.

5.6 That officers continue to explore and take advantage of changes that may come about following the recent green paper "Schools that work for everyone" and bring forward any proposals to a future Decision Day.

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):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
Title	Reference	Date
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	
Title	Date

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.)

Document	Location
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.