

REPORT OF THE  
**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**  
PART II

**240. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 TO 2018/19**

1. On the 25 May 2016, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approved an updated Children's Services Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19 following further announcements on capital grant allocations by the Department for Education (DfE).

2. The Children's Services capital programme is based on government capital grants, capital receipts, developers' contributions and local resources and amounts to around £308 million for the three year period 2016-2019. The report details the specific value and allocation of the resources, including updates to the programme. The proposals contained in the report are derived from the departmental service plans which have been developed to support the priorities of the Corporate Strategy.

**241. SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT IN TORBAY CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

3. On the 25 May 2016, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gave his approval for the use of Hampshire County Council services, specifically managers from Children's Services, to support the improvement of Torbay Children's Services, following Torbay being judged as inadequate in November 2015 and an approach from the Department for Education (DfE).

4. Hampshire County Council will not be taking full responsibility for Torbay Children's Services. The Chief Executive has been asked by the Minister of State for Children and Families to take on the formal role of 'Commissioner', with Hampshire Children's Services Department acting as 'expert advisers'. This gives the County Council responsibility for supporting and directing Torbay's improvement journey.

5. This is not the same role as the County Council has with the Isle of Wight Children's Services. In Torbay, Hampshire County Council will not run services and will not be so intensively involved with staff and management time but will provide support, challenge and direction.

6. The County Council will receive a standard fee from the DfE for officer time, leading to a modest income for the Authority, ensuring there is no cost to Hampshire taxpayers. The day to day improvement work will be undertaken by the Director of Children's Services and a small team of his managers who will ensure there is no detrimental impact on the work of Hampshire Children's Services. It is anticipated the improvement work with Torbay work will last for a period of 12 months.

## **242. PROPOSED OPENING OF RESOURCED PROVISION FOR CHILDREN WITH SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES AT WILDGROUND INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

7. On the 25 May 2016, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services agreed that public notices be published, in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, to make prescribed alterations to Wildground Schools, by providing a new Resourced Provision for eight children with complex social, emotional and mental health difficulties, with effect from September 2016. This was based on the outcomes of informal consultation that took place between 25 January and 11 March 2016.

8. Subsequently on 1 July 2016, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services heard that no comments or objections following the publication of the statutory notice had been received. He therefore agreed to the opening or resource provision for pupils with social, emotional and mental health difficulties at Wildground Infant and Junior Schools from 1 September 2016.

Further details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Children's Services Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19 (7423)
- Supporting Improvement in Torbay Children's Services (7566)
- Proposed opening of resourced provision for children with social, emotional and mental health difficulties at Wildground Infant and Junior Schools (7461 and 7524)

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