

Report to: Schools Forum

Subject: Schools Modernisation Capital Programme
2013/14

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with an update of the Council's Schools Capital Modernisation Programme 2013/14 and to determine the methodology that should be used to secure a contribution from schools that are included in the programme.
- 1.2 The programme was approved by Members at the Education and Children's Services Portfolio meeting on 12 February 2013 but on the basis of securing a contribution from schools to the majority of the approved projects.
- 1.3 A summary of the condition projects is set out in [Appendix 1](#).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Schools Forum:
 - Endorse the Council's £1.8m Schools Modernisation Capital Programme 2013/14
 - Approve Option 1 for calculating a school's contribution to a capital scheme, as set out in section 4 of the report
 - Agree the school contribution affordability criteria as detailed in paragraph 4.5.

3. Background

- 3.1 The projects that relate to condition have been identified through Asset Management Plan meetings, condition surveys and recommendations by Education officers concerning the needs of specific pupils. The original bid was for £4.5m based on Priority 1 works that needed to be undertaken. Due to the budget available (circa £1.8m) these have been re-prioritised based on a risk assessment (likelihood and impact). Those with a score of 20 and above are included in the allocation. The calculations and an explanation of the risk categories are provided in [Appendix 1](#).

- 3.2 Schools will be expected to contribute to the schemes with the exception of Special Education Needs (SEN). For condition projects that are 'design only', no funding contribution from the school would be expected at this stage. Contributions for these projects will be sought in the following year (implementation) and will be subject to approval of capital funds for 2014/15. Contributions from the schools are currently based on the size of the scheme with a maximum threshold of 25% of the total costs for Primary Schools. The proposed contributions from the schools are also set out in [Appendix 1](#).

4. Options for calculating the schools contribution

- 4.1 Contributions from schools are currently proposed on the basis of Option 1, which was the approach used for 2012/13 (with the exception that the 25% threshold applied to all schools and contributions were not sought for emergency lighting and fire risk associated schemes), and which officers consider to be the most affordable for schools. Three other options (Options 2 - 4) are now put forward for consideration.
- 4.2 The Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) contribution referred to in options 1 and 2 is based on the DfE allocation in the year of the scheme being approved (i.e. 2013/14) and will form the basis of the repayment over the specified period of years depending on the size of the scheme. Whilst the value of the contribution is based on the value of the DFC, the school will be expected to contribute from both capital and revenue resources.
- 4.3 The four options are as follows:

Option 1: minimum DFC contribution proposed from schools (25% maximum threshold for Primary Schools)

- Scheme Value £15,001 - £50,000 – equivalent of 1 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation
- Scheme Value £50,001 - £190,000 – equivalent of 2 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation
- Scheme Value above £190,000 – equivalent of 3 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation

Option 2: increased DFC contribution from schools (25% maximum threshold for Primary Schools)

- Scheme Value £15,001 - £50,000 – equivalent of 1 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation
- Scheme Value £50,001 - £100,000 – equivalent of 2 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation
- Scheme Value £100,001 - £200,000 – equivalent of 3 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation
- Scheme Value £200,001 - £300,000 – equivalent of 4 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation
- Scheme Value above £300,001 – equivalent of 5 year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation

Note: the DFC contribution set out in Options 1 and 2 above is based on the 2013/14 DFC allocation to schools

Option 3: 20% contribution to the project cost for all schemes over £15,001

Option 4: 25% contribution to the project costs for all schemes over £15,001

4.3 The additional capital funding that would be generated from these proposals and which could be allocated to other projects would be as follows:

Options	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Additional funding released for other projects	0	£55,534	£86,260	£176,760

4.4 For schools where there are multiple schemes, the methodology described above would be applied to each scheme.

4.5 In all cases, these contributions will be subject to affordability. The criteria for this are set out below:

- All maintained schools are expected to financially contribute to capital works, related to school condition projects carried out at their school. The level of the contribution will be in accordance with scales agreed by Schools Forum.
- In the following circumstances, the contributions from the schools in respect of condition projects may be recovered over an extended period (the extension will be by one financial year):
 - The school already has an on-going commitment to contribute to a previous condition project; or
 - The school has had more than one scheme approved in the current financial year which attract a contribution; and
 - The schools financial reserves (capital and revenue) at 31 March of the previous financial year are less than 4% (Primary/Special) and 2% (Secondary) of the schools delegated budget share.
- In the following circumstances, the contributions from the schools in respect of condition projects may be reduced:
 - The school already has an ongoing commitment to contribute to a previous condition project; and

- The schools financial reserves (capital and revenue) at 31 March of the previous financial year are less than 1% (Primary/Special) 0.5% (Secondary) of the schools delegated budget share.

Or,

- The expected contribution would cause the school to have an in-year and overall deficit balance.

5. Condition projects

The proposed allocation of Council funding is set out below (this is not the total cost of the scheme as it excludes the school contribution which is currently based on Option 1)

Secondary

5.1	The City of Portsmouth Boys' School – urgent need to replace the concrete panels on the block directly above the roof to the dining room (2 nd phase of works)	£435,649
5.2	Mayfield School – urgent need to replace the emergency lighting system following a fire risk assessment undertaken in 2012.	£56,528
5.3	Mayfield School – urgent need to remove asbestos lagging from the boiler house following the 2012 asbestos inspection.	£56,528
5.4	Springfield School – the 2012 water sampling and monitoring identified a legionella risk due to discolouration and warm water within existing corroded iron pipe work. The proposals are to remove all iron pipe work and replace with a new copper installation. This is a design only project.	£30,000

Primary

5.5	Gatcombe Park Primary School – urgent need to replace the windows to the hall including the lower asbestos panels. The window frames have reached a level of deterioration with a risk of the asbestos panels falling and shattering.	£43,682
5.6	Highbury Primary School – existing oil fired boiler is unreliable and has a limited life. Urgent need to replace the boiler with a more energy efficient gas boiler and to replace all the existing cast iron pipes and heaters. This is a design only project.	£30,000
5.7	Manor Infants School – urgent need to strip the existing roof and re-felt, batten and tile, in order to prevent frequent and disruptive leaks.	£76,600
5.8	Arundel Court Schools (Federation) – the 2012 water	£56,250



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| 5.9 | St Jude's Primary School – urgent need to replace the existing Electrical Distribution Boards following the five year electrical test and inspection. | £37,656 |
| 5.10 | St Jude's Primary School – urgent need to replace the existing boilers which are unreliable and have a limited life. The risk of failure has increased as a result of recent refurbishments which is placing increasing demands on their use. This is a design only project. | £15,000 |
| 5.11 | Cottage Grove Primary School – third and final phase of works needed to replace the existing felt flat roof. | £112,318 |
| 5.12 | Court Lane Junior School – urgent need to replace the existing Electrical Distribution Boards following the five year electrical test and inspection. | £24,900 |
| 5.13 | Court Lane Junior School - the 2012 water sampling and monitoring identified a legionella risk due to discolouration and poor circulation. There is now an urgent need to remove the existing storage tanks and corroded pipe work in the roof | £221,767 |
| 5.14 | Cumberland Infant School – following a fire risk assessment undertaken in 2012 there is an urgent need to install an emergency lighting system for parts of the building that are used for out of hours activities. | £31,447 |
| 5.15 | Meon Junior School – urgent need to replace the pitched roof and the asbestos slates which have been slipping to the playground below. The proposal includes addressing the urgent need to replace the high level windows and the abutting flat roofs (whilst scaffolding is in place). | £279,978 |
| 5.16 | Meon Junior School – urgent need to replace the existing Electrical Distribution Boards following the five year electrical test and inspection. | £10,000 |
| 5.17 | Langstone Infant School – urgent need to remove asbestos lagging from the boiler house following the 2012 asbestos inspection. | £11,625 |
| 5.18 | Moorings Way Infant School – following a fire risk assessment undertaken in 2012 there is an urgent need to install an emergency lighting system due to the extended use of the building for out of hours activities. | £10,000 |



- 5.19 **Moorings Way Infant School** - urgent need to replace the existing Electrical Distribution Boards following the five year electrical test and inspection. £35,707

Special Educational Needs

- 5.20 **Improving access for Special Education Needs (SEN) provision** – contingency budget to address the special education needs of individual pupils either transferring between schools or starting at a school (e.g. adaptations to improve access to buildings, toilets, showers, etc). £100,000
- 5.21 **Harbour School @ Fratton** – following a fire risk assessment undertaken in 2012 there is an urgent need to install a compliant emergency lighting system due to the extended use of the building for out of hours activities. £11,625

Nursery

- 5.22 **Brambles Nursery** - urgent need to strip the existing roof and re-felt, batten and tile, in order to prevent frequent and disruptive leaks. £5,000

Fire Alarm Upgrades

- 5.23 **Various Schools** – urgent need to upgrade fire alarm systems following fire risk assessments undertaken in 2012. £42,000