

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
Decision Meeting

Date of meeting: 11 March 2021

Subject: Schools Capital Programme and School Place Planning
Update

Report by: Alison Jeffery, Director of Children, Families and Education

Wards affected: All wards

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of:
- Urgent school condition projects
 - School sufficiency schemes aimed at increasing school place capacity within the city
- 1.2 To seek approval to enter into a statutory process to formally change the age range of Manor Infant School from 4 to 7 years to 2 to 7 years to integrate the current nursery provision fully into the school.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member notes the progress on the school modernisation "urgent condition" projects, the secondary school sufficiency projects and the special school sufficiency projects.**
- 2.2 It is recommended that the schemes agreed with the Lead Member since the last report are formally approved.**
- 2.3 It is recommended that a statutory process is commenced on a proposal to change the age range of Manor Infant School from 4 to 7 years to 2 to 7 years.**

3. Background

School modernisation (urgent condition) projects

- 3.1 The urgent condition projects have been identified through Asset Management Plan meetings, condition surveys and recommendations by Education officers concerning the needs of specific pupils.
- 3.2 Funding for urgent condition projects was approved by the Council at the start of the financial year, plus a contingency allowance for urgent emerging works.
- 3.3 Although some of the more intrusive and disruptive works are normally undertaken during school holiday periods, this year has seen some projects delayed due to the impact of Covid19. These works have been reprogrammed to take place in 2021 whilst assuring school safety and social distancing arrangements are not compromised.
- 3.4 In addition to the projects previously agreed, the following urgent condition schemes have been identified and require Cabinet Member approval:
 - The Harbour Vanguard School - £14,000 security door installation and repairs

School sufficiency schemes

- 3.5 Despite the implications and challenges of Covid 19, all projects that were being undertaken to increase school capacity were completed to the agreed programme, this included works at Trafalgar School, Admiral Lord Nelson School, Charter Academy, The Portsmouth Academy, and St Edmund's School.
- 3.6 In addition to the projects previously agreed, the following projects have been included within the capital programme;
 - Court Lane Infant School - Adaptations to classroom for medical purposes - £15,000
 - Milton Park Primary School - Adaptations as part of the SEND strategy for inclusive provision - £50,000
 - Mayfield School - Furniture and equipment for compatibility with new school provision - £58,000
 - Mayfield School - Land and wayleave provisions - £10,000

- 3.7 Design work is currently underway to provide additional special educational needs places at both the Cliffdale Primary Academy and a pre Wymering provision at The Harbour @ Tipner for September 2021.
- 3.8 Following the full council meeting on 9th February 2021, design work is currently commencing on the projects identified in the table below:

2020 to 2021	2021 to 2022	2022 to 2023
Inclusion Centre on mainstream Primary school site (Penhale Infant School)	Cliffdale Primary Expansion £3.97m Project (Pre start costs 20%) Flying Bull Inclusion Centre expansion Feasibility for expansion of Redwood Park required for September 2024.	Cliffdale Primary Expansion (80% of project cost) The Lantern expansion and initial changes at Redwood Park to accommodate Year 6 pupils.
24 pupil places	18 pupil places	24 pupil places 20 pupil places
£1,157,720	£2,057,406	£4,426,608
Inclusion Grant £100,000	Inclusion Grant £100,000	Inclusion Grant £100,000
£1,257,720	£2,157,406	£4,526,608

Manor Infant School

- 3.9 Manor Infant School currently have a pre-school provision which is run and managed by Governors as a separate provision under the Governing Body's community powers. The Governing Body have approached the Council with a request to formally change to the age range of the school from 4 to 7 years to 2 to 7 years to integrate the current nursery provision fully into the school. This will enable the school to use school systems to better track the progress of pupils throughout their time at the school.
- 3.10 Manor Infant School is a community maintained primary school and a change of age range for a community maintained school is a prescribed alteration governed by The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013.
- 3.11 The Council is required to follow a statutory process to effect this change. The process has 4 stages which are summarised in the table below.



Stage	Description	Timescale	Comments
Stage 1	Publication (statutory proposal / notice)		
Stage 2	Representation (formal consultation)	Must be at least 4 weeks	As prescribed in the 'Prescribed Alteration' regulations.
Stage 3	Decision	LA should decide a proposal within 2 months otherwise it will fall to the Schools Adjudicator.	Any appeal to the adjudicator must be made within 4 weeks of the decision.
Stage 4	Implementation	No prescribed timescale	However it must be as specified in the published statutory notice, subject to any modifications agreed by the decision-maker.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 Additional funding implications identified for both urgent priority condition works and sufficiency of school places can be met from within the existing capital programme.
- 4.2 If approved, stage 1 of the statutory process for the age range change at Manor Infant School will commence with the publication of the proposal on 10th May 2021 followed by the four week statutory consultation which would end on 7th June 2021. A report on the outcome of the statutory consultation would then be brought back for a decision by the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education.

5. Integrated impact assessment

- 5.1 The implementation of the school modernisation programme (urgent condition) and the secondary sufficiency programme (phase 2) will not have



a negative impact on any of the areas of equality and diversity, communities & safety, regeneration & culture, environment and public space.

- 5.2 The programme will improve access to schools for all equality groups, particularly with regard to those pupils who have learning difficulties and / or a disability.
- 5.3 Each individual capital project/scheme includes an equalities impact assessment.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 The Education Act 1996, Section 14, requires a local authority to secure sufficient primary and secondary schools in their area, sufficient being in relation to number, character and equipment to provide for all pupils the opportunity of appropriate education and requiring the LA to have regard to the need to secure that special educational provision is made for pupils with special educational needs.
- 6.2 Under the Childcare Act 2006, a local authority has a duty to secure sufficient childcare for the needs of working parents/carers in their area.
- 6.3 The Education and Inspections Act 2006, the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and the DfE statutory guidance "Making Significant Changes ('Prescribed Alterations') to Maintained Schools - statutory guidance for proposers and decision-makers (October 2018)" set out the procedure for changing the age range of a community maintained school, including the addition of nursery provision. The stages of the statutory process are set out in paragraph 3.11 of this report.
- 6.4 The Local Authority will be the decision-maker of this proposal and it must satisfy itself that before the final decision is made, appropriate consultation has been carried out and that the statutory proposal is published in accordance with the Regulations and statutory guidance.
- 6.5 The recommendations contained in this report and set out in paragraph 2 above are being sought with the intention of furthering the above duties and are in compliance with the legislation and statutory guidance applicable. The recommendations sought are within the Cabinet Member's powers, as set out in Part 2 Section 3 of the Council's constitution.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1 Financial monitoring of the capital programme is reported within the quarterly budget monitoring report. The quarterly monitoring report is brought to the February meeting.
- 7.2 The additional condition projects and sufficiency projects can be met within the existing budgets for those schemes.
- 7.3 For condition projects, schools will be expected to use their Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) allocations to support these key priorities, in keeping with government expectations of the use of this funding. The expected contributions from schools' will be based on the agreed contribution methodology.
- 7.4 Any on-going revenue implications will be met by individual schools through their individual budgets which are funded from the Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
- 7.5 The change of age range at Manor Infant school will not change the revenue funding received by the school through the individual school budget or via the national funding for eligible two year olds, universal hours for three and four year olds and the additional hours for eligible three and four year olds.

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Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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