

Cabinet – 21 October 2009

Education Capital Programme – Further Schemes

Portfolio: Councillor Walker, Children's Services
Councillor Andrew, Regeneration

Service: Walsall Children's Services, Serco

Wards: All

Key decision: Yes

Forward plan: Yes

1. Summary of report

1.1 The report sets out schemes from the Education Asset Management Plan for approval. These projects will provide improved learning environments for Walsall pupils.

1.2 **Appendix A** of this report details schemes previously approved by Cabinet.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Cabinet approves the schemes and budgets set out in **Appendix B** of this report including permission to seek tenders and appoint contractors to undertake the work identified.

2.2 That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the executive member for Children's Services to accept tenders for the schemes detailed in **Appendix B** at Alumwell Business & Enterprise College and Elmwood as tenders will be in excess of £500,000.

3. Background information

3.1 In November 2007, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) announced a Targeted Capital Fund allocation of £8 million for Walsall phased across the 2009/10 (£2 million) and 2010/11 (£6 million) financial years. This allocation is to develop provision for 14-19 diplomas, and/or SEN and disabilities. The funding is only available to those local authorities not in wave 6 or earlier waves of the Building Schools for the Future programme. The DCSF has confirmed that as a wave 6a authority, Walsall will still receive this allocation.

3.2 Following analysis of the facilities to support the development of diplomas in Walsall, a shortfall in appropriate facilities for the Society Health and Development diploma line has been identified. Detailed consideration has been given as to how this could best be addressed and, following discussions with

stakeholders, Cabinet is recommended to approve the development of a Skills Centre (HealthTec) in Walsall. This would provide facilities for use by all schools in Walsall and it is expected that the range of accommodation to be provided would support a wide range of other curriculum activities in the secondary, primary and special sectors.

- 3.3 In addition to the Society Health and Development diploma line, it is expected that the accommodation and facilities of the proposed Skills Centre would also support the following diploma lines: Business Administration and Finance, Public Services, Retail Business, Hospitality, and IT.

3.4 Skills Centre: HealthTec

Health Tech is an exciting and innovative way in which young people can be introduced to the possibilities of career opportunities. Its purpose is to provide the learning environment which promotes health and science and encourage young people to explore the wide variety of employment opportunities in the health service and beyond.

This project will enable pupils to access 'real life' situations in authentic health and social care settings. Students will work in specially constructed sets, designed to simulate everyday experiences. These may include an older person's living room; the back of an ambulance, an accident and emergency bay, a ward cubicle and a rehabilitation assessment bay which is used to follow the path taken by a person who suffers a heart attack.

All learning opportunities begin and end by thinking about the patient in their own home, in their own community; emphasising to the students that these are stories about real individuals just like them and their families. The Health Tech programme is well placed in meeting regional and national priorities for young people.

The heart of this programme is an attempt to make the curriculum studied by students across all the schools involved, more relevant to the needs of employers, both now and in the future. A key aspect of this is to keep young people interested in, and motivated to take up, science and science related careers. All of this will enable the project to be well placed in delivering several of the new specialised Diplomas which are at the heart of 14-19 education partnership.

The programme will ensure youngsters have a well defined route through which they can be encouraged to explore the wide variety of employment opportunities within the Health Service in real life learning situations.

- 3.5 The potential of this resource would clearly help in raising the aspirations of the young people, giving them both theoretical and exciting practical experiences within the health professions. Bringing learning to life, students would have the opportunities to gain a real insight into the medical world and the career prospects within it.

- 3.6 Typical facilities may include general teaching spaces, science laboratory (including forensics), a range of health and social care facilities including a mock 'accident and emergency' area, a mock 'doctors surgery' and a curriculum learning centre for independent living, all of which would support practical and

planning activities and also simulations; in addition there would be conference facilities, a lecture area, kitchen/dining facilities, staff accommodation and ancillary facilities for pupils and staff. The facilities would be fully accessible.

- 3.7 Consideration has been given as to where a Skills Centre (HealthTec) could best be located in Walsall and following consideration of school sites (location, size, accessibility etc), it is proposed that the development is located on the Alumwell site, adjoining the secondary school. Alumwell is a Business and Enterprise College and is one of only two schools in England to pilot 'Health Innovation Status'; it is also located close to the new hospital in Walsall.
- 3.8 Early discussions with key stakeholders, including those in health and social care, have been overwhelmingly positive about the proposed Skills Centre (HealthTec).
- 3.9 This proposal, which has the potential to become a flagship project for Walsall, would be planned alongside BSF proposals for Alumwell and form part of a masterplan for the site. The proposal would enhance BSF plans for Alumwell and for Walsall as a whole and would also support strategies to address a range of health indicators in Walsall.
- 3.10 A budget of £7 million has been identified for the proposed Skills Centre (HealthTec) at Alumwell.
- 3.11 It is also proposed to undertake further works at Elmwood; this would include remodelling and refurbishment of mothballed rooms within the school accommodation to provide on-site vocational areas for use by pupils. It is also proposed to undertake condition related works to the school building which could not be addressed as part of the recent major scheme. The proposed budget for the works at Elmwood is £1 million.

4. Resource considerations

4.1 Financial:

- 4.1.1 As previously reported, Walsall has been advised of capital allocations for the three-year period from 2008/09 to 2010/11. Further schemes will be brought forward for consideration by Cabinet when details are finalised.
- 4.1.2 In view of the nature of the proposed scheme at Alumwell, which would provide a facility available for use by all Walsall schools, it would not be appropriate to seek a school contribution. The proposed scheme at Elmwood is in effect the completion of works which could not be included when the recent major scheme was undertaken and, in view of previous contributions and devolved formula capital commitments by the school, it is proposed that there is no contribution towards the cost of this scheme.
- 4.1.3 The schemes detailed in this report are to be managed by Walsall Council Property Services who will ensure compliance with all Walsall Council Finance and Contract Rules.

4.1.4 No Section 106 contributions have been identified as part of the funding arrangements for these proposed schemes; this is because the schemes do not meet the investment criteria.

4.2 **Legal:**

4.2.1 All schemes identified in this report will be managed through Walsall Council Property Services and they will ensure that all statutory obligations in relation to the schemes are adhered to. These issues include building regulations, planning approvals, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and Construction Design and Management Regulations (CDM). This is in addition to ensuring compliance with Walsall Council Financial and Contract Rules and compliance with the European regime and regulations covering the procurement of goods, services and contracts of work.

4.3 **Staffing:**

4.3.1 There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

5. **Citizen impact**

The schemes will contribute to an improved learning environment for Walsall pupils, their families and the wider community. The proposed Skills Centre (HealthTec) development would also support strategies to address a range of health indicators in Walsall.

6. **Community safety**

Security issues will be considered as part of the development of schemes.

7. **Environmental impact**

All schemes will incorporate the use of sustainable resources wherever possible and designs would incorporate developments to reduce the impact on the environment.

8. **Performance and risk management issues**

8.1 **Risk:**

8.1.1 Construction programmes are at risk of delays that might affect the timescales and cost of projects that may require adjustments to the programme. These risks will be managed as far as is practicable on an ongoing basis.

8.2 **Performance management:**

8.2.1 There are specific criteria established by the DCSF for the project management of schemes funded by the Capital Programme within the designated timeframe.

9. Equality implications

The proposed schemes would result in improved learning environments for pupils and families in Walsall schools.

10. Consultation


Relevant stakeholders including schools, Diocesan Authorities and Foundation representatives, as appropriate. Walsall Council: Property Services, Transforming Learning and Children's Services Finance.

Background papers

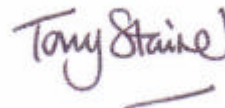
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Appendix A

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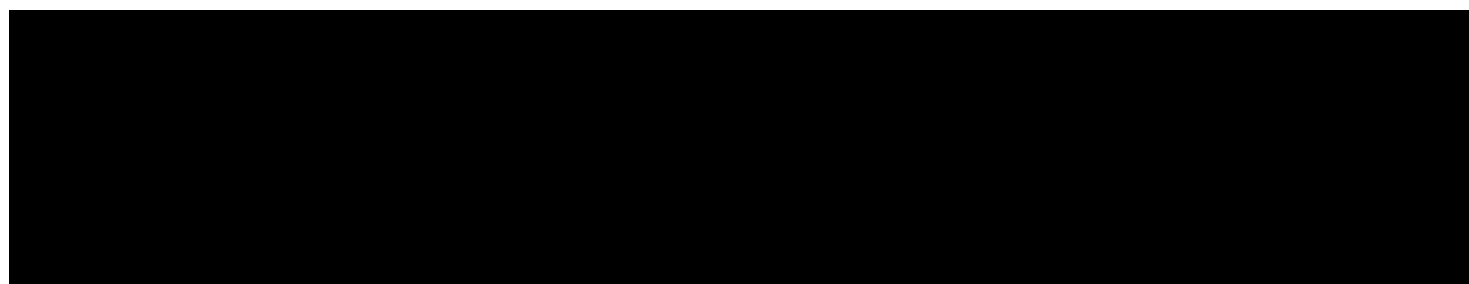
Section 106 - Primary - Previously Approved Schemes				
School	Project	Project Cost £	School Contribution £	Allocation £
Birchills CE Primary Community	Significant enlargement and structural works	4,815,000	100,000	21,177.00
Chuckery Primary	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	1,900,000	100,000	18,852.65
Leighswood	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	1,000,000	50,000	93,887.58

Section 106 - Secondary - Previously Approved Schemes				
School	Project	Project Cost £	School Contribution £	Allocation £
Aldridge School - A Science School	Improvements to Learning Environment - Main Teaching Block. Concrete repairs and replacement curtain walling	338,416.66		88,415.66 *
Aldridge School - A Science School	Improvements to Learning Environment - Phased replacement of curtain walling to main teaching blocks	115,000.00	67,286.18	47,713.82 **
Darlaston Community Science College	Refurbishment of main sports hall and changing rooms	273,338.57		13,338.57 *
Frank F Harrison Engineering College	Contribution towards new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) centre development as part of specialist status award	385,735.38		188,735.38
Joseph Leckie Community Technology College	Contribution towards new Teaching Block	6,021,147.35	0.00	21,147.35
The Streetly School - A Specialist Sports College	Provision of changing rooms for Sports Hall inclusive of changing facilities for compliance with the Disability Discriminations Act	462,821.18	100,000.00	362,821.18

* This allocation is to join up funding sources to deliver the scheme detailed under Modernisation Secondary

** This scheme is mainly being funded by the school budget. The £47,713.82 is made up of contributions of £11,014.61 (relating to contribution received for the development at 12-14 Little Aston Road) and £32,277.62 (relating to contribution received for the development at 4 Seasons Public House)

LCVAP - Previously Approved Schemes						
School	Project	Project Cost £	School Contribution DFC £ (In addition to Governor's 10%)	2008/09 Allocation £	2009/10 Allocation £	2010/11 Allocation £
Blue Coat CE Infant School	Re-roofing to main hall	200,000	40,000	0	0	160,000
Blue Coat CE Infant School	Electrical works	105,000	15,000	26,135	63,865	0
Blue Coat CE Junior School	Fire Service inspection remedial works	300,000	95,420	0	204,580	0
Blue Coat CE Performing Arts Specialist College	Sports hall upgrade	100,000	25,000	0	75,000	0
Queen Mary's Grammar School	Heating improvement works	60,000	10,000	0	50,000	0
Queen Mary's High School	Replacement sports pavilion	278,000	50,000	50,000	178,000	0
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Technology College	Refurbishment and enhancement of sixth form accommodation	330,000	30,000	0	0	300,000
St Josephs Catholic Primary	Replacement of dilapidated mobile accommodation with two new build classrooms	330,000	30,000	0	119,580	180,420
St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School	Internal Remodelling scheme to provide a food technology room	90,000	20,000	0	0	70,000
St Mary of the Mount Catholic Primary	Refurbishment of enhanced staff accommodation	195,000	25,000	0	140,000	30,000
St Patrick's Catholic Primary	Heating works	150,000	20,000	0	130,000	0
St Peter's Catholic Primary	Relighting scheme	150,000	20,000	0	130,000	0



Extended Schools Capital - Previously Approved Schemes				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
School	Project	Project Cost	School Contribution	2008/09 Allocation	2009/10 Allocation	2010/11 Allocation
Barcroft Primary	Provision of new extended services facilities including community room	277,901	N/A	-	-	277,901
Meadow View JMI	Demolition of existing dilapidated mobile accommodation and remodelling of two existing classrooms and associated areas to create extended services facilities	234,500	*	150,000	84,500	-
Pinfold Street JMI	Demolition of existing dilapidated mobile accommodation and learner pool and provision of new modular build to provide extended services facilities	255,000	*	150,000	105,000	-
Rushall JMI	Extension to create secure entrance to sports and extended services facilities in association with minor internal remodelling	142,000	*	100,000	42,000	-
St Michael's CE (C) Primary	Demolition of existing dilapidated mobile accommodation and an extension to provide new nursery and extended services facilities	460,000	*	107,472	214,528	-
Total				507,472	446,028	277,901

* All Schools will be required to purchase loose furniture and equipment for the schemes and this is considered to be their contribution towards the project.

Basic Need - Previously Approved Schemes						
School	Project	Project Cost £	School Contribution £	2008/09 Allocation £	2009/10 Allocation £	2010/11 Allocation £
Birchills CE Primary Community	Significant enlargement and structural works	4,815,000	100,000	637,090	1,443,204	321,732
Christ Church CE JMI	Replacement school building	5,550,000	TBC			721,472
Chuckery Primary	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	1,900,000	100,000	50,000		
Croft Community Primary	Demolition of former Community Association building, internal remodelling and extensions to teaching areas	1,750,000	TBC			200,000
Leighswood	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	1,000,000	50,000	756,114		
Total				1,443,204	1,443,204	1,243,204

* Individual school contributions are currently being negotiated. Agreed contributions will be reported to a future cabinet meeting.

** Funding of £300,000 to support start-up costs for the Academies programme (Darlaston and Sheffield) was allocated from savings from previous basic need schemes

Targeted Capital Funding - Previously Approved Schemes				
School	Project	Project Cost £	School Contribution £	Allocation £
Elmwood School	Refurbishment of existing Manor Farm building to provide new school accommodation	1,700,000	0	200,000
Rosedale CE Infant	Development of new facilities to broaden the curriculum and raise standards across the federation	480,455	96,091	384,364
Queen Mary's Grammar School	Provision of a practical cooking space	345,000	0	345,000
Total				929,364
Balance Available				0

Modernisation - Previously Approved Schemes						
School	Project	Project Cost £	School Contribution £	2008/09 Allocation £	2009/10 Allocation £	2010/11 Allocation £
Abbey Primary	Replacement fire alarm and rewiring	90,000	50,000	40,000		
Barcroft Primary	New 2FE School	9,000,000			1,110,000	2,350,000
Bloxwich CE JMI	Roofing works	100,000	TBC		180,000	
Brownhills West Primary	Roofing	70,000	50,000		20,000	
Caldmore Primary School	Replacement of mobile classrooms including extensions and remodelling to resolve related suitability issues	1,075,000	100,000	606,114	341,886	27,000
Castle Business & Enterprise College	Rewiring and Electrical Works	120,000	20,000	100,000		
Christ Church CE JMI	Replacement school building	5,550,000	TBC		89,056	49,925
Chuckery Primary	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	1,900,000	100,000	609,034	300,000 ****	
County Bridge Primary	Replacement of heat emitters	60,000	15,000	45,000		
Croft Community Primary	Demolition of former Community Association building, internal remodelling and extensions to teaching areas	1,750,000	TBC		50,000	
Darlaston Community Science College	Electrical Capacity	75,000	0		75,000 *	
Darlaston Community Science College	Condition Survey Work	350,000	0		350,000 *	
Harden Primary	Replacement fire alarm and rewiring	110,000	55,000	55,000		
Joseph Leckie Community Technology College	Duplex Teaching units	200,000	0	200,000		
Lindens Primary	Roofing and Brickwork Repairs	190,000	30,000	50,407 **		
Lindens Primary	Rewire	110,000	30,000		80,000	
Lindens Primary	Fire Alarm & Fire Door Installation	80,000	15,000	65,000		
Lower Farm Primary	Fencing to enclose additional playing field area on Ashbourne Road.	25,000		25,000 *		
Millfield Primary	Refurbishment of hot and cold water services	60,000	15,000	45,000		
Park Hall Infants	Roofing works	180,000	TBC		180,000	
Pelsall Village	Demolish dilapidated double mobile	15,000		15,000 ***		
Pheasey Park Farm Primary	Rewire	100,000	70,000		30,000	
Sandbank Nursery	Re-Roofing of main Nursery	80,000	25,000	55,000		
Sheffield Sports and Community College	Fire retardant paint to steel work	250,000			250,000	
Short Heath Junior	Replacement Windows and associated asbestos works	90,000	70,000	20,000		
St Giles CE Primary	Roofing & brickwork repairs to early years building	100,000	0	100,000		
St Giles CE Primary	Replacement of defective cold water supply pipework and refurbish hot water services	60,000	15,000	45,000		
St Michaels CE Primary	Replace defective distribution pipework and hot and cold water services	100,000	25,000	75,000		
St Michael's CE Primary	Provision of new nursery in conjunction with extended schools project	460,000		138,000 ****		
Sunshine Infant Nursery	Refurbishment of hot and cold water services	60,000	15,000	45,000		
The Radleys Primary	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	800,000	100,000	600,000		
Walsall Wood Primary	Replacement of defective cold water supply pipework	30,000	10,000	20,000		
Watling Street Primary	Heating	200,000	80,000		120,000	
Whitehall Nursery and Infant	Replacement Windows	100,000	50,000		50,000	
Willenhall School Sports College	Replacement Ceilings including asbestos removal	106,000	50,000		56,000	
Woodlands Primary	Internal Remodelling and Refurbishments and Extension to provide new Secure Nursery Entrance and Cloaks	700,000	100,000	500,000		
Various	Primary Capital Programme - Feasibility Studies	150,000	0	150,000		
Various	Provision of Measured Plans and Updating of Condition Surveys - Phase 1	250,000	0	250,000		
Total				3,853,555	3,281,942	2,426,925

* No school contribution, as this involves the increase of playing field area to the school due to existing site being undersized

** The remaining funding required for this scheme was approved from the remaining 2007/08 Priority 1 funding at the 16 July 2008 Cabinet meeting.

*** The school has relocated their before and after school care into the existing building. This is considered as their contribution to the cost of the removal of the dilapidated mobile accommodation

**** This funding is to enable replacement of unsuitable nursery accommodation as part of larger extended schools project

***** This scheme is part funded through Basic Need

Primary Capital Programme - Previously Approved Schemes					
School	Project	Project Cost £	School Contribution £	2009/10 Allocation £	2010/11 Allocation £
Birchills CE Primary Community	Significant enlargement and structural works	4,815,000	100,000	2,331,797	
Christ Church CE JMI	Replacement school building	5,550,000	TBC	375,932	4,263,615
Chuckery Primary	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	1,900,000	100,000	750,000	72,114
Croft Community Primary	Demolition of former Community Association building, internal remodelling and extensions to teaching areas	1,750,000	TBC	300,000	1,200,000
Leighswood	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	1,000,000	100,000	100,000	
The Radleys Primary	Mobile Replacement and Remodelling of Existing Accommodation	800,000	100,000	100,000	
Woodlands Primary	Internal Remodelling and Refurbishments and Extension to provide new Secure Nursery Entrance and Cloaks	700,000	100,000	100,000	
Various	PCP Feasibility Studies	200,000		100,000	100,000
Various	Primary Capital Programme - Contingency	200,000	0	200,000	
Total				1,650,000	1,372,114

* Individual school contributions are currently being negotiated. Agreed contributions will be reported to a future cabinet meeting.

Early Years Capital - Childcare, Quality and Access - Previously Approved Schemes				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
School	Project	Project Cost	2008/09 Allocation	2009/10 Allocation	2010/11 Allocation	
All Primary Schools	Wooden Blocks, Waterproof clothing, shade, Laptop / digital cameras / printer / cartridges	233,200	233,200			
Bloxwich West Children's Centre	Enhancement of external play area at Mossley Primary school site	20,000	20,000			
Brownhills Children's Centre	Enhancement of external play area at St James Primary school site	35,000	35,000			
Childminders	Wooden Blocks, Waterproof clothing, shade, Laptop / digital cameras / printer / cartridges	325,500	325,500			
Early Years Private, Independent and Voluntary Settings	Wooden Blocks, Waterproof clothing, shade, Laptop / digital cameras / printer / cartridges	168,200	168,200			
Total			781,900	0	0	

Children's Centre Maintenance - Previously Approved Schemes				2008/09
School	Project	Project Cost	2008/09 Allocation	
Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	Render to brickwork on front elevation	29,000	29,000	
Bentley West Children's Centre	Pedestrian access and main entrance doors	18,000	18,000	
Total			47,000	

Black Country Challenge - Previously Approved Schemes				2008/09
School	Project	Project Cost	2008/09 Allocation	
Brownhills Community Technology College	Enhancement of ICT equipment to specialist ICT classrooms	60,000	60,000	
Blue Coat CE Performing Arts Specialist College	Extension and remodel to school library learning space	60,000	60,000	
Total			120,000	

Schools Access Initiative - Previously Approved Schemes				
School	Project	2008/09 Allocation £	2009/10 Allocation £	2010/11 Allocation £
Bentley Drive Primary	Contribution to main entrance and staff accommodation scheme to ensure school meets minimum standards of physical accessibility	10,000		
Busill Jones Primary Schools	To provide accessible toilet arrangements and lift access to the second floor		75,000	
Joseph Leckie Community Technology College	Contribution towards new block to incorporate sound field system for the hearing impaired	20,000		
Various Schools	Upgrade to minimum standard	500,000		
Various Schools	Upgrade to minimum standard		350,000	
		530,000	425,000	0

Appendix B

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14-19 diplomas, SEN and disabilities			2009/10	2010/11
Allocation			£2,000,000	£6,000,000
Commitments			£0	£0
Allocation - Balance Available			£2,000,000	£6,000,000
School	Project	Project Cost £	2009/10 Allocation £	2010/11 Allocation £
Alumwell Business and Enterprise College	Health Tec development (accommodation and facilities)	7,000,000	1,250,000	5,750,000
Elmwood School	Vocational facilities and condition items to the school accommodation	1,000,000	750,000	250,000
Total			2,000,000	6,000,000
Balance Available			0	0