

**9 July 2012****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND  
ENVIRONMENT****2013 BASIC NEEDS PROGRAMME (REVISED REPORT)****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval of the Committee to the programme of class room extensions to create additional capacity for the September 2013 in-take.

**Information and Advice**

2. Councillors are already aware that local authorities have statutory responsibility for ensuring that there is enough capacity for pupil places in schools to meet the needs of population in their area. In addition local authorities have a duty to secure diversity of educational provision and increased parental choice over primary and secondary schools.
3. The provision of places and need are assessed through the evaluation of schools after taking account of pupils on roll and future demand for places. In planning terms it is generally within two and three miles radius of home for primary and secondary schools respectively.
4. The Department for Education (DfE) provides a Basic Need grant to local authorities for school place planning to ensure sufficiency of school places across all schools, including academies.

**Strategic Planning and Provision**

5. Like many other authorities, Nottinghamshire has been experiencing an increase in demand for school places in certain parts of the County. Children Families & Cultural Services (CFCS) have undertaken a strategic review of predicted demand for places for the next five years.
6. The above review has identified a number of schools where extra pupil places are required to meet the assessed need for the next 4 years.
7. Councillors should note that the County Council, at its budget meeting in February 2012, approved indicative programme funding for the Basic Need Programme for the years 2012/13 to 2015/16. Following the announcement of £1.2 million of additional Basic Need grant from the DfE and slippage of £0.4m in the 2011/12 programme, the revised approved budget is set out below.

2012/13	£10.8million
2013/14	£1.8 million
2014/15	£2.5million
2015/16	£2.5million
<b>Total</b>	<b>£17.6million</b>

8. The strategic review for places has not yet been completed for all the years. However, the current projections are that in overall terms funding of £27 million will be required for the programme years. Any additional funding over and above already approved by the County Council will be the subject of separate approvals at a later date.
9. The additional pupil places required to ensure sufficient capacity to fulfil the projected demand for the September 2013/14 academic year has been assessed. The business case for the additional requirement for places has also been independently reviewed by the Capital Asset Management Group.
10. In overall terms, the estimated cost of the Basic Needs programme as outlined in this report is in order of £7.5 million. It should be noted that once projects have been designed the estimated costs will be replaced by the target costs. It is confirmed that the target costs will be contained within the overall approved budget of £12.6 million for the years 2012/13 and 2013/14 as shown in paragraph 7 above.
11. On a related matter, it should be noted that the included in the list there are a number of schools that have been successful in securing funding through Priority Schools Building Programme announced on May 24th. These schools will be new-builds in few years time.  
  
However, in order to meet the immediate Basic Need it will be necessary to provide additional pupil places. In recognition of this most appropriate and best value solutions will be considered in every case without incurring unduly high expenditure on extensions that will be demolished in the not too distant future. This may involve the use of temporary accommodation (mobiles) or utilising cheaper construction methods rather than traditional methods.
12. The programme will be monitored and reported to the Committee as progress is made; including any re-phasing of the programme once target costs of expenditure have been determined following detailed design.
13. In order to ensure that additional classrooms are built in readiness for the September 2013 in-take, approval of the Committee is required to undertake design and construction work on the individual projects.
14. The list of the schools where extra classrooms are needed is shown in the ***attached Appendix 1.***

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights,

the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that the Committee gives its approval for the design and construction work on the individual projects and provision of temporary accommodation under the Basic Needs programme as outlined in this Report.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SG 05/07/2012)**

16.The Committee has responsibility for all property related functions, property design, property construction and related consultancy services (paragraph 60, Part 4(A) of the Constitution). The Committee is the appropriate body to decide on these issues as referred to in this Report.

### **Financial Comments (SB 20/06/12)**

17.The current projections are that £27 million will be required for the overall programme over the years 2012/13 to 2015/16. The approved budget for the Basic Need Programme is £17.6 million over this period and so there is sufficient approved budget for the programme proposed in Appendix 1. Any additional funding, over and above that already approved, will be the subject of separate approvals at a later date.

### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

Various



**BASIC NEED SCHOOL NUMBER INCREASE AND BUDGET**

**2013 Basic Needs Programme**

<b>School Number Increases</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>2013 Places</b>		<b>Number of Classrooms</b>	<b>Estimated Budget</b>
				<b>£</b>
Abbey Primary, Mansfield *	90		3	330
King Edward Primary, Mansfield	90		3	540
Berry Hill Primary, Mansfield	60		2	360
St Peters Primary, Mansfield	90		3	260
Sutton Road Primary, Mansfield	60		2	246
Newgate Lane Primary, Mansfield	90		3	330
Arnold Mill Primary, Arnold	90		3	460 - includes !00 School Contribution
Richard Bonington Primary, Arnold	60	plus 30 in 2015	3+1	1,300 - 450 CAP 850 Section 106 **
Ernehale Primary, Arnold	30		1	360
Holy Trinity Primary, Newark	60		2	180
Croft Primary, Sutton in Ashfield	30	plus replacement of mobiles	1	755
Dalestorth Primary, Sutton in Ashfield	60	plus 60 in 2015	2+2	720
Leen Mills Primary, Hucknall	30		1	180
Ordsall Primary, Retford	60		2	220
Radcliffe on Trent Infants, Radcliffe on Trent	30	plus 30 in 2012	1+1	540
Sir Edmund Hillary Primary, Worksop	60		2	360
Carnavon Primary, Bingham	60		2	90,
Rosebrook, Mansfield *	150		5	850
Lambley Primary, Lambley - Jan 14	28	plus 21 2013-14	1+1	332 Section 106 Funding
			<b>Total Approved Budget</b>	<b>7,563</b>

\* Priority Schools Building Programme

\*\* As this is in excess of £1m, a separate lec (latest estimated cost) report will be submitted to the Finance & Property Committee meeting at a future date.