

14th October 2019

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

BASIC NEED SCHOOL EXPANSION: KING EDWIN PRIMARY, EDWINSTOWE - LATEST ESTIMATED COST

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise Committee of the preferred option and Latest Estimated Costs for the school expansion project at King Edwin Primary School, Edwinstowe, and seek approval to proceed to the construction phase of the project based on these estimated costs.

Information

2. In February 2019 the Children and Young People's Committee granted approval to proceed to feasibility stage for a number of schools as part of the 2019/20 Basic Need schools expansion programme. King Edwin Primary was one of these schools.
3. The feasibility project at King Edwin Primary was to explore the potential to replace the temporary double mobile classrooms with permanent buildings.
4. The temporary double mobile classroom at this school has been in situ since 1999 and has been the subject of several planning application renewals. The condition of the building is poor and is highly unlikely to be granted a further temporary planning consent. The classrooms are regularly and routinely used for teaching purposes. Population projections indicate that the numbers of children likely to attend the school will remain high therefore there will be a continuing need for the accommodation. If the school and the planning area were to lose access to the capacity it would be unable to meet the demand for school places coming through and would be unable to accommodate the early arrivers from housing developments proposed in the area.
5. Arc Partnership was requested to consider two options at the site:
 - Option 1 – like for like replacement with a modular building, albeit at a separate location at the site deemed more appropriate from a Planning perspective
 - Option 2 – infilling of the canopy area and alterations to the existing school building.

Both schemes would require removal of the existing mobile, associated hard surfaces and fencing, then restoring the playing field.

6. The feasibility report produced a Latest Estimated Cost (LEC) projection for both options:

Option	Total LEC Cost
Option 1 Modular building	£812,420
Option 2 Infill	£667,490

Preferred Option

7. Option 2 is the preferred option; as well as being less costly it also functions better educationally and operationally as it brings all provision under one roof, the plan provides a foundation unit, freeing up a classroom which in turn frees up the old IT room to become an after-school club and general use/music classroom.

Capital Budget Implications

8. The Latest Estimated Cost of option 2 is set out below and the fees shown are for all professions involved in the project. The professions involved in this project are:

- Architect
- Mechanical Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Quantity Surveyor
- Structural Engineer
- Construction Design & Management Co-ordinator
- Project Manager

Please note that professional fees include all feasibility costs including site surveys and associated statutory fees, as well as Arc Partnership fees.

	<u>Latest Estimated Cost</u> <u>(Outturn Prices)</u>
	£
Building Works	576,485
Professional fees	75,005
Furniture and Equipment	16,000
Total	667,490

9. Anticipated cash flow:

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Total £
Building Works	15,000	561,485	0	576,485
Professional Fees	45,000	28,805	1,200	75,005
Furniture & Equipment		16,000	0	16,000
Totals	60,000	606,290	1,200	667,490

Other Options Considered

10. The County Council has an obligation to provide adequate spaces for pupils requiring education within the County. There are therefore no other options available to the County Council at this time.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. The Council is committed to providing good schools with sufficient places for all Nottinghamshire children. The Basic Need schools expansion programme is a key element of delivering this commitment.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

13. The overall cost of the project is £667,490 to be met from the Basic Need Grant.

Human Rights Implications

14. The provision of additional school places in refurbished schools will facilitate parental preference via the schools admissions process.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

15. Children within the Local Authority area will be able to access school places locally, all new build schemes will meet requirements for disabled access and special needs.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

16. All new build schemes take account of safeguarding needs and requirements.

Implications for Service Users

17. The Schools Capital Programme seeks to ensure that there will be sufficient school places in school buildings.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

18. Increasing the number of school places is demonstrated by sustainable demand. All capital projects are subject to the requisite planning and Building Regulations which reflect

environmental and sustainability targets. By providing local school places the need for travelling by car can be reduced.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That approval be given for the school expansion project at King Edwin Primary School, Edwinstowe, to proceed to the construction phase based on the estimated costs as detailed in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 19/09/19)

19. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Children and Young People's Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (GB 02/10/19)

20. The latest estimated cost of this project totals £667,490. This will be funded from the School Places programme which is already approved within the Children and Young People's capital programme with a total budget across the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years of £26.3m.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

[Basic Need Programme of School Expansion 2019/20](#) - report to Children and Young People's Committee on 11th February 2019 (previously published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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