

11 February 2019

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

SCHOOLS BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Committee on projects included in the Schools Building Improvement Programme and to seek approval for the projects to be included in the Schools Building Improvement Programme from the 2019/20 funding allocation and an additional project for the 2018/19 allocation.

Information

Schools Building Improvement Programme (SBIP)

2. The SBIP forms part of the Schools Capital Programme which is funding that can be used to improve school buildings.
3. In 2016 the Council devised a programme consisting of six workstreams to deliver the SBIP funding focusing on health & safety and maintenance issues which are mostly likely to result in a school closure. A series of feasibility projects have been commissioned to Arc Partnership which have provided estimated costs and determined the programmes priorities as follows:

Biomass Boilers

Remedial works to the Biomass boiler installations: this relatively recent sustainable technology has developed rapidly from the time of the Council's first installations. Following independent site surveys of all the 53 sites this programme brings all the installations up to current standards or replaces them with either gas or oil fired systems.

Kitchen Ventilation

Kitchen ventilation improvements: current Building Regulations require increased levels of ventilation. This programme will provide new mechanical ventilation installations.

Boiler & Heating Pipework Replacement

Replacement of boiler and or associated heating pipework: pipework replacement predominantly affecting Victorian and turn of the 20th century sites where the ageing heating pipework would not withstand the pressure of modern boiler installations.

Heating Cabinet Replacements

Heating cabinets predominantly in Clasp buildings: many of the heating cabinets are original dating back to the early 1960s, and though it is believed that most have had the asbestos removed some are still being found with asbestos which is unacceptable; the majority still have the original electrics within the cabinets which could be a major fire risk to the property.

Drainage

Drainage works to address issues causing flooding or blockage to the foul drains.

Roofing

Replacing roofs where a roof is beyond economic repair the state of repair can become a risk through the possibility of falling slates.

Funding Allocations

Year	Department for Education allocation
2016/17	£6.1M
2017/18	£5.5M
2018/19	£5.2M
2019/20	£5.0M (estimated)

4. The County Council has received an annual Schools Building Improvement Programme allocation from the Department for Education (DfE) for 2018/19 of £5.2m.
5. The 2019/20 School Capital Grant has yet to be announced with confirmation expected March 2019. For the purposes of project planning the programme is working to the reasonable estimate of £5.0M
6. Many of the projects from previous years projects have now completed or are nearing completion. A number of the projects have completed under budget, releasing funds back to the programme. A £2.0M underspend has been identified.
7. Should the allocation be significantly different to the expected, a revised programme report will be brought to Committee.

The 2018/19 additions to the SPIB programme:

8. The projects to be include in the programme for the 2018/19 allocation were approved at Committee in November 2018. The list remains unchanged other than the addition of a drainage project at Lake View Primary. Drainage works were identified as necessary during a recent basic needs project to replace a temporary mobile with a permanent classroom.

The 2019/20 additions to the SPIB programme:

9. Projects with a total Value of £7M (£5M allocation & £2M underspend) have been identified for the 2019/20 additions to the SPIB Programme as listed below. As well as available funding, decisions on the projects to be included have been made based on the urgency of the works required and assessment of the risk. Consideration has also been given to

sites where other major works are planned, thereby maximising investment whilst saving on project costs and minimising disruption, particularly for the Basic Need projects at Sutton Bonington, Lambley and East Markham Primary Schools.

Biomass Boilers:

- Linby Cum Papplewick C of E Primary

Kitchen Ventilation:

- Abbey Hill Primary
- Hillocks Primary
- Kingsway Primary
- Lambley Primary
- Maun Infant
- Northfield Primary
- Stanhope Primary
- Woodthorpe Infant

Boilers and Heating Pipework:

- Albany Junior
- All Hallows C of E Primary
- Annesley Primary
- Banks Road Infant
- Chilwell School
- East Markham Primary
- Ernehale Infant
- Healdswood Infant
- Kinoulton Primary
- Lady Bay Primary
- Lambley Primary

Heating Cabinets:

- Beckingham Primary
- Berry Hill Primary
- Bramcote Hills Primary
- Church Vale Primary
- Coppice Farm Primary
- Derrymount Special School
- Elkesley Primary
- Farmilo Primary
- Jacksdale Primary
- Lake View Primary
- Leen Mills Primary
- Nettleworth Infant
- Ordsall Primary
- Phoenix Infant
- Radcliffe-on-Trent Junior
- Redlands Primary
- Sir Edmund Hillary Primary
- Sutton Bonington Primary
- William Lilley Infant
- Winthorpe Primary
- Woodthorpe Infant

Drainage:

- Bispham Drive Junior
- Forest Town Primary
- Sutton Bonington Primary

Roofing:

- Farmilo Primary
- Normanton-on-Soar Primary
- Wadsworth Fields Primary

10. A Latest Estimated Cost report will be taken to Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee seeking approval for the forecast costs.

Schools Access Initiative

11. The Schools Access Initiative provides for adaptations to schools so that the schools and the Council can meet their legal duties under the Equality Act to provide access to the school and curriculum to meet the needs of specific young people with disabilities, who are either at the school or seeking a place at that school. The initiative has been in operation for some time and thus an increasing number of schools already have had adaptations but there is nationally a rise in numbers of children identified with significant disabilities and sensory disabilities, so the demand is constant. Equally in many cases the scope of the adaption works are of a scale that does not constitute a formal capital project. Nevertheless, experience shows that there are usually 5-6 more substantial capital projects required per annum. This funding can only be applied to council maintained schools. Academies are responsible for making their own adaptations.
12. In 2018/19, as with previous years, budget for the Schools Access Initiative has been top sliced from the SBIP allocation. However no topslice from the 2019/20 allocation will be taken as there is sufficient budget to meet the need, available from unallocated or underspend sums from previous years' budgets.

Other Options Considered

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

Reasons for Recommendation/s

14. The Council is committed to providing good schools with sufficient places for all Nottinghamshire children. The Schools Capital Programme is a key element of delivering this commitment.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. 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

16. Financial provision for the elements that comprise the Schools Capital Programme are reconciled annually as part of the Council's overall budget setting process. The reconciliation takes account of the most recent government grant and other forms of income that contribute to the overall funding of the Programme, against the anticipated

actual spend across the range of projects. Realistic assumptions about future sources of external income/grants have been built into the overall financial planning for the Programme, and robust arrangements are in place to monitor these over the course of the Programme.

Human Rights Implications

17. The provision of school places in well maintained schools will facilitate parental preference via the schools admissions process.

Implications for Service Users

18. The Schools Capital Programme seeks to ensure that there will be sufficient school places in school buildings which do not suffer from the need of essential maintenance to their fabric.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee approves:

- 1) the addition of one extra project to the Schools Building Improvement Programme for the 2018/19 allocation, as detailed in paragraph 8.
- 2) the addition of projects to the Schools Building Improvement Programme for the 2019/20 allocation, as detailed in paragraph 9.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 11/01/19)

19. Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (GB 16/01/19)

20. The financial implications are set out in the report.

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.

Schools Capital Programme progress report – report to Children and Young People’s Committee on 19 November 2018.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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