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Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

LATEST ESTIMATED COST: SCHOOLS BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2018/19 and 2019/20

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval from Committee for the Latest Estimated Costs of the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Schools Building Improvement Programmes (SBIP)

Information

Schools Building Improvement Programme (SBIP)

2. The SBIP forms part of the Schools Capital Programme and is funded by School Condition Grant allocations received from the Department for Education (DfE). This grant is awarded annually and should be used to improve and maintain the condition of the school estate.
3. In 2016 the Council devised a programme consisting of distinct work streams to deliver the SBIP programme. The programme focuses on Health & Safety and maintenance issues which are most likely to result in a school closure. The projects to be included in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 programmes were approved at Children's and Young Peoples Committee in November 2018 and February 2019 respectively.

2018-19 Programme

4. The County Council has received a 2018/19 School Condition Grant allocation from the DfE of £5.2m.
5. From within the overall allocation, £0.5m has been set aside to fund the Schools Access Initiative programme. This programme is identified as a separate line in the capital programme and provides for adaptations to mainstream schools to ensure access to education for those pupils under the Equality Act 2010.
6. From the remaining £4.7m of the allocation, 32 projects have been commissioned to ARC Partnership. The estimated costs contained within this report are compiled following the feasibility and design stages of the projects. A full list of the projects can be seen in **Appendix A**.

7. At the previous Committee, Arc provided a supplemental paper at Appendix A which clarified the detail contained within that Report, and identified the following:
 - NCC figures were high level and did not show the detailed picture on how the costs had changed from initial budget through to projected Final Account.
 - Following individual feasibilities of the individual projects it became evident that the whole programme would not be achieved within budget. In response Arc and NCC revisited individual projects to value engineer/ reduce scope of works whilst still mitigating/managing all inherent risks associated with the works. As a result, the value engineering / reduction exercise delivered £707,260 on the works element therefore enabling more projects to proceed.
 - In the majority of cases, the Arc fee remained the same as the original fee which was based on the agreed fee matrix. The fee remained the same as the original designs had been completed, and Arc did not charge for any redesign / rescoping.

The new format of reporting is followed in this report and gives the projections of outturn costs in relation to budget.

2019-20 Programme

8. The County Council has received a 2019/20 School Condition Grant allocation from the DfE of £5.0m.
9. In addition, the programme will be supplemented by an additional £2m of previous underspend from the 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 SBIP programmes.
10. This gives a total programme funding of £7m which will be spread across some 48 projects. The current position of the allocation of proposed schemes is identified in **Appendix B**.

Latest Estimated Costs

11. The latest estimated costs are below. Please note that professional fees include all feasibility costs including site surveys and associated statutory fees, as well as Arc Partnership Fees.
12. The Professions Involved in these projects are:-
 - Architect
 - Mechanical Engineer
 - Electrical Engineer
 - Quantity Surveyor
 - Structural Engineer
 - CDM Co-ordinator
 - Project Manager

13. The latest estimated cost and cash flow, set out below;

SBIP Programme 2018/2019

Latest Estimated Cost

	(Outturn Prices)
	£
Building Works	3,919,994
Professional fees (including feasibility costs)	670,614
Total	4,590,608

Anticipated cash flow

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Total £
Building Works	961,068	2,763,825	195,101	3,919,994
Professional fees (including feasibility costs)	496,188	139,996	34,430	670,614
Totals	1,457,256	2,903,821	229,531	4,590,608

SBIP Programme 2019/2020

Latest Estimated Cost

	(Outturn Prices)
	£
Building Works	5,984,884
Professional fees (including feasibility costs)	1,015,116
Total	7,000,000

Anticipated cash flow

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Total £
Building Works	2,428	4,763,565	1,190,891	5,956,884
Professional fees (including feasibility costs)	118,251	834,493	90,372	1,043,116
Totals	120,679	5,598,058	1,281,263	7,000,000

Capital Budget Implications

14. This LEC represents a saving of £109,392 against the £4.7m allocation allocated in 2018/19. This funding is already accounted for within the £2M underspend allocated to the 2019/20 SBIP Programme.

Revenue Budget Implications

15. Any additional premises and human resources costs arising from these proposals will be met from the individual school's budget.

Other Options Considered

16. None, the Council has a statutory duty to provide safe and compliant school places.
Reason/s for Recommendation/s
17. Local authorities have a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for every child in the local area that needs one.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. 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

19. These are set out in the report.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

20. Environmental and Sustainability requirements will be incorporated into the detailed design process for each of the individual Projects.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

Committee comments upon the contents of the report and approves the Latest Estimated Costs for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Schools Building Improvement Programmes.

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Constitutional Comments (KK 25/04/19)

21. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee.

Financial Comments (GB 26/4/19)

22. The School Building Improvement Programme is incorporated in the approved capital programme and progress will continue to be monitored through the monthly capital forecasting process.

Background Papers

- Latest Estimated Cost – Schools Building Improvement Programme 2018-19 – report to Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee 11 February 2019
- Schools Building Improvement Programme – report to Children and Young Peoples Committee 11 February 2019
- 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