

Decision Maker: Education Budget Sub-Committee

Date: 2 May 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING: SCHOOLS PLANNED MAINTENANCE AND SUITABILITY PROGRAMME 2012-13**

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

This report sets out the proposed 2013-2014 Education Planned Maintenance programme and Suitability Programme.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the Education Budget Sub-Committee notes the 2013-14 School Planned Maintenance and Suitability Programme.
- 2.2 That the Committee notes the list of schemes to be included in the 2013-2014 Planned Maintenance Programme, attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 That officers develop a Seed Challenge Programme for 2013-14 for future consideration by the Education Portfolio Holder.
- 2.4 That, where appropriate, the Director of Education, Care and Health Services be authorised to submit planning applications at the appropriate time in respect of the schemes set out in this report.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost Further Details
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Education Capital Programme
 4. Total current budget for this head: £2,267,370
 5. Source of funding: DfE Capital Maintenance Grant
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Not applicable
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance: Further Details
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Borough wide
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Council has a five-year maintenance programme on Education properties that is reviewed each year based on funding available, condition of facilities and urgent items that arise in-year. The Council also provides assistance to improve the security and suitability of schools as well as operating the Seed Challenge programme that part funds school promoting improvements that meet set criteria.
- 3.2 The Education buildings planned maintenance, security and suitability programmes and Seed Challenge Programme are funded by 100% Department for Education Capital Maintenance Grant.
- 3.3 Bromley's Capital Maintenance Grant Allocation for 2013/2014 is £2,267,370, which is funded by the DfE Capital Maintenance Grant and is allocated as follows:

Planned Maintenance Programme	£1,667,370
Seed Challenge Fund	£300,000
Security Fund	£150,000
Suitability Fund	£150,000
Total	£2,267,370

- 3.4 The Capital Maintenance Grant is allocated specifically for use at Local Authority Maintained Schools. In line with national and local policy the Council will honour allocations made to schools from the Capital Maintenance Grant who subsequently convert to academy status.
- 3.5 For 2013-14 the total Devolved Formula Capital allocation for Bromley Local Authority Maintained schools is £392,816 with a further £97,147 for Voluntary Aided Schools.
- 3.6 Voluntary Aided Schools in Bromley have been awarded £555,950 for 2013-14 for in-year capital maintenance via the LEA (Local Education Authority) Co-ordinated Voluntary Aided Programme (LCVAP). Following meetings with both Church of England Diocese and Roman Catholic Diocese the grant will support projects at St Olaves, St Marks CE Primary School and Holy Innocents RC Primary School.
- 3.7 In previous years the entire Capital Maintenance Grant budget was managed by the Property Division, but following reorganisation of the Division, responsibility for the budget is now divided between Operational Property Services and Education Care and Health Services.
- 3.8 Operational Property Services is responsible for delivering the planned maintenance programme. The Council has a five year planned maintenance programme for education properties that is reviewed by officers each year. It is based on available funding, condition, priority and urgent items that arise during the year.
- 3.9 Education Care and Health Services is responsible for managing the Seed Challenge Fund, the Security Fund and the Suitability Fund.
- 3.10 The Local Authority continues to manage a successful programme under its Seed Challenge initiative. This provides for improvement works at schools where 50% of the cost is met by the LA at primary or special schools, and 34% of the cost at secondary schools. This has been a highly popular programme which has produced a wide range of needed improvements across the Authority's schools. It is proposed to continue this programme at a similar level of funding at £300,000.

3.11 It is proposed that the Suitability Programme in 2013-14 is allocated to support the current re-organisation of Bromley Road Infants School and Worsley Bridge Junior Schools into 1FE and 2FE primary schools respectively. The Security Fund is allocated by officers and will continue to support urgent schemes at borough schools.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Building Maintenance is an important part of managing the Council’s Property Assets. LBB’s Asset Management Plan sets out the important role that asset management plays in delivering the Council’s priorities and achieving value for money in the delivery of services and management of the Council’s property portfolio.

4.2 The Council acknowledges its social, economic and environmental aims and targets set within its existing policy framework: Building a Better Bromley 2020 Vision, Local Area Agreement and Portfolio Plans and its duty to promote social, economic and environmental well being.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

5.1 The Executive approved the Planned Maintenance Budget at their meeting on 20 March 2013. This was based on the £ 2,267,370 Capital Maintenance Grant received from Government. This report recommends a Planned Maintenance and Suitability Programme on Education properties valued at 2,267,370 and demonstrates how this sum will be allocated against specific projects.

5.2 Planned maintenance at Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools is funded and managed by Operational Property Services. The funding for planned maintenance at Foundation Schools is devolved to individual schools, which are then responsible for ensuring that the identified projects are managed in accordance with the relevant Construction and Financial Regulations. Schools that have converted to academy status are not eligible for funding from this budget. However, the local authority will honour allocations made to schools contained within this programme that subsequently convert to academy status in-year.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 A significant number of schemes listed need to be undertaken to ensure that the Council’s responsibilities under health and safety legislation are being met.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

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Non-Applicable Sections:	
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	GATEWAY REVIEW 0,1&2 APPROVAL OF 2013/2014 EDUCATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGETS, EDUCATION PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME AND PREFERRED PROCUREMENT OPTION Executive 20 March 2013 Education Planned Maintenance Programme 2013/2014 – 2017/2018 (copy in Member’s Room)