

Decision Maker: EDUCATION BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER 2014/15

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Chief Officer: Director of Finance

Ward: All

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 On 26th November 2014, the Executive received the 2nd quarterly capital monitoring report for 2014/15 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2014/15 to 2017/18. This report highlights in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 changes agreed by the Executive in respect of the Capital Programme for the Education Portfolio. The revised programme for this portfolio is set out in Appendix A, and detailed comments on scheme progress as at the end of the first half of 2014/15 are shown in Appendix B.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **The Portfolio Holder is asked to note and confirm the changes agreed by the Executive in November.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Capital Programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services. Capital schemes help to maintain and improve the quality of life in the borough. Affective asset management planning (AMP) is a crucial corporate activity if a local authority is to achieve its corporate and service aims and objectives and deliver its services. The Council continuously reviews its property assets and service users are regularly asked to justify their continued use of the property. For each of our portfolios and service priorities, we review our main aims and outcomes through the AMP process and identify those that require the use of capital assets. Our primary concern is to ensure that capital investment provides value for money and matches the Council's overall priorities as set out in the Community Plan and in "Building a Better Bromley".
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Total increase of £0.3m over the 4 years 2014/15 to 2017/18.
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
 4. Total current budget for this head: £75.1m for the Education Portfolio over four years 2014/15 to 2017/18
 5. Source of funding: Capital grants, capital receipts and earmarked revenue contributions
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1 fte
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 36 hours per week
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Legal

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

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

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

Capital Monitoring – variations agreed by the Executive on 26th November 2014

3.1 A revised Capital Programme was approved by the Executive in November, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the 2nd quarter of 2014/15. The base position was the revised programme approved by the Executive on 16th July 2014, as amended by variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings. All changes on schemes in the Education Programme are itemised in the table below and further details are included in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.3. The revised Programme for the Education Portfolio is attached as Appendix A. Appendix B shows actual spend against budget in the first half of 2014/15, together with detailed comments on individual schemes.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	TOTAL 2014/15 to 2017/18
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Programme approved by Executive 16/07/14	27,250	23,830	22,129	462	73,671
Basic Need (Executive 02/04/14)	706				706
Langley Park Boys School - BSF (Executive 15/10/14)	400				400
Approved Programme prior to Q2 Monitoring	28,356	23,830	22,129	462	74,777
<u>Variations approved by Executive 26/11/14</u>					
Early Education for Two Year Olds (see para 3.2)	336				336
Schemes rephased from 2014/15 into later years (See para 3.3)	-12,665	12,665			0
Total Amendment to the Capital Programme	-12,329	12,665	0	0	336
Total Revised Education Programme	16,027	36,495	22,129	462	75,113

3.2 Early Education for Two Year Olds (£336k increase)

The November Executive report informed Members that additional grant of £186k has been received from London Childcare Grant for developing places for two year olds on school sites. This is being utilised in conjunction with the Early Years capital scheme to create new provision on school sites. Members have approved the allocation of a further £150k from unspent Dedicated Schools Grant to support the expansion of existing provision to create new two year old places where need has been identified.

3.3 Schemes rephased from 2014/15 into later years

As part of the 2nd quarter monitoring exercise, £12.7m has been re-phased from 2014/15 into 2015/16 to reflect revised estimates of when expenditure on Education schemes is likely to be incurred. This has no overall impact on the total approved estimate for the capital programme. Further details and comments are provided in Appendix B.

Post-Completion Reports

3.4 Under approved Capital Programme procedures, capital schemes should be subject to a post-completion review within one year of completion. After major slippage of expenditure in recent years, Members confirmed the importance of these as part of the overall capital monitoring framework. These reviews should compare actual expenditure against budget and evaluate the achievement of the scheme's non-financial objectives. No post-completion reports are currently due for the Education Portfolio, but this quarterly report will monitor the future position and will highlight any further reports required.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Capital Programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These were reported in full to the Executive on 26th November 2014. Changes agreed by the Executive for the Education Portfolio Capital Programme are set out in the table in paragraph 3.1.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Departmental monitoring returns October 2014. Approved Capital Programme (Executive 16/07/14). Capital Q2 monitoring report (Executive 26/11/14).