

**Decision Maker:** EDUCATION PORTFOLIO HOLDER

**Date:** For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 27 January 2015

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Key

**Title:** BASIC NEED UPDATE REPORT 9

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**Chief Officer:** Executive Director of Education, Care & Health Services

**Ward:** (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 To update Members on progress in delivering the Basic Need Programme and to set out the forward programme for the period 2014-18.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the Education PDS Committee note the updated 2014-17 Basic Need Programme outlined at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 That the Portfolio Holder for Education approves the updated list of schemes as outlined at section Appendix 1.
- 2.3 That the Portfolio Holder for Education agrees the procurement and award of contract of schemes within the Basic Need Programme through traditional procurement, the Lewisham Modular Buildings Framework or through the devolution of Basic Need Capital Grant to schools.
- 2.4 That the Portfolio Holder for Education Authorises the Executive Director of Education, Care and Health Services to seek planning permission for scheme at the appropriate time when required.

### 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
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Education Capital Programme
  4. Total current budget for this head: £63,239,805
  5. Source of funding: DfE Basic Need Capital Grant, DfE Capital Maintenance Grant, DfE 2 Year Olds Capital Funding, S106 Funding, DSG
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### Staff

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

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
  2. Call-in: Applicable
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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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 This report provides an update on the delivery and future planning of the Council's Basic Need Capital Programme that supports the provision of sufficient pupil places through improvements to and expansion of Bromley Schools.

3.2 The Council receives Basic Need Capital Grant from the DfE to support the delivery of sufficient school places. The Council's award for the period 2011-17 is outlined below.

2011-12 allocation	£4,496,771
Autumn 2011 exceptional in-year allocation	£1,277,936
2012-13 allocation	£2,404,519
Spring 2012 exceptional in-year allocation	£1,590,436
2013-15 allocation	£9,968,079
2015-16 allocation	£20,635,153
2016-17 allocation	£21,666,911
Contribution from DfE Capital Maintenance Grant underspend	£1,200,000
Total allocation to date:	£63,239,805

3.3 We are currently awaiting an announcement from the DfE on Basic Need Capital Allocations for 2017/18. Based on previous years we have estimated that the value is likely to be in the region of £10-20 million.

3.4 The programme also includes capital contributions from a range of other capital funding programmes including Seed Challenge, Access Initiative and Suitability along with Section 106 contributions. The detail of the S106 contributions were included within *Approval of Procurement Strategy for Basic Need Projects and the Glebe School Expansion and Allocation of Section 106 Funding* to education agreed by the Executive on 2 April 2014.

#### 3.5 Progress in delivery of Basic Need Programme

3.5.1 Since the Education Committee considered Basic Need Update Report 8 on 30 September 2014 there has been significant progress in delivery of the Basic Need school expansion programme with a range of permanent expansions such as Clare House and Worsley Bridge achieving planning permission and award of contract.

3.5.2 Appendix 1 includes details of the Basic Need Programme, those schemes complete, in delivery and planned. There are currently scheme to the value of £70,590,000 either completed or in delivery. These have been allocated £60,778,000 in Basic Need Capital Grant and £9,812,000 from other sources.

3.5.3 There is currently insufficient funding provided by the DfE and other sources to deliver all the schemes within the Basic Need Programme. Design development of schemes not already in the delivery phase of the programme will continue, but schemes will not be brought forward for delivery until funding is available. For schemes to be brought forward to development they will need to evidence demonstrable need for investment. Options for further bulge classes

and/or phased development will be considered where necessary. Based on current increased demand for primary places no secondary school expansion schemes have yet been brought forward for delivery.

- 3.5.4 Appendix 2 provides an outline programme of schemes in delivery and planned including details of when key project milestones are programmed to be achieved.

### **3.6 Planning Area 1 - Penge and Anerley**

- 3.6.1 Balgowan Primary School took a bulge class in September 2014, but there are presently no proposals to further expand the school due to the site constraints.
- 3.6.2 The Council decided to permanently expand Churchfields Primary School from 1FE to 2FE in January 2013. The contracts to deliver the final phases of works are due to shortly commence.
- 3.6.3 The Harris Federation consulted on the expansion of Harris Crystal Palace Primary Academy during spring 2014. Following the decision to expand from 1 to 2 FE construction works are currently underway to provide sufficient and suitable school accommodation.
- 3.6.4 James Dixon Primary School took a bulge class in 2014 and has sufficient accommodation to take a second bulge class in September 2015. A feasibility study was recently undertaken at the school and a decision is awaited from the school Governors about expansion from 2 to 3 FE. The options for a new nursery at the school are also being considered along with the relocation of the contact centre to another site.
- 3.6.5 The Pioneer Academy Stewart Fleming took a bulge class in 2014. The school can take an additional bulge class in September 2015 if required through the temporary use of the school's last remaining specialist space, but this will need to be replaced by either an additional classroom or expanded school over the longer term.

Innovative proposals have been developed with the school for a permanent expansion from to 2FE to 3FE involving rebuilding part of the school and increasing outdoor play space through the use of rooftop areas.

### **3.7 Planning Area 2 - Beckenham**

- 3.7.1 Bromley Road Primary School was reorganised from a 3FE infant school into 1FE primary school from September 2014. The current scheme in delivery remodels the accommodation at the school to support the new school organisation and provides the opportunity for a future bulge class.
- 3.7.2 Clare House Primary School took a further bulge class in September 2014 and has now formally expanded to two forms of entry. Works which involves building a new school replacing the existing accommodation is due to start in February 2015.
- 3.7.3 A feasibility study into the options for expanding Marian Vian Primary School from 3 to 4FE has recently been completed. The design is currently being developed to allow the submission of a planning application but it is not proposed that this scheme currently enters the pool of schemes for delivery.
- 3.7.4 Following admitting a bulge class in Summer 2014 plans for improvements to Unicorn Primary School including an expanded hall and hygiene room have been amended with delivery expected in 2015-16.

3.7.5 Worsley Bridge Primary School has recently consulted on permanent expansion from 2 to 3FE from September 2015 and works on site will start February 2015.

### **3.8 Planning Area 3 – West Wickham**

3.8.1 The Glebe School consulted on expansion by 2FE during 2013 to provide additional places for children with ASD. The capital scheme to support this increase in pupil numbers is currently being tendered with delivery programmed during 2015-16.

3.8.2 Hawes Down Junior school is having additional accommodation provided for September 2015 to allow the admission of the bulge class that entered Hawes Down Infants School in 2012. Consideration is also being made of the need to provide additional SEN unit places at the school as part of the capital scheme.

3.8.3 A feasibility study was carried out at the St Mark's CE Primary School during 2013-14. This project is currently on hold.

### **3.9 Planning Area 4 – Central Bromley**

3.9.1 Following feasibility, proposals are being developed for the redevelopment of Beacon House to provide an enhanced vocational offer for KS4 pupils currently at Burwood School and will allow the school to broaden its offer to girls and KS5. Further details are available in a separate report on the agenda of this meeting.

3.9.2 Following receipt of tenders and granting of planning permission it is planned that Parish CE Primary School will expand from 2 to 3FE during 2015-16 supported by the provision of a new teaching block that will replace existing dilapidated accommodation and provide the required classroom and ancillary areas for the expanded school.

3.9.3 Proposals are being finalised for the permanent expansion of Scotts Park Primary School from 2 to 3 Forms of Entry, mainly through the provision of new teaching accommodation above the main teaching block.

3.9.4 Proposals have been developed with St Georges CE Primary School that will allow the school to expand from 1.5 to 2F following the admission of bulge class in September 2014.

### **3.10 Planning Area 5 – Bromley Common, Petts Wood, Crofton and Farnborough**

3.10.1 An additional classroom and associated accommodation for the Busy Bees SEN unit at Crofton Infants School opened in September 2014.

3.10.2 A feasibility is currently being undertaken at Farnborough Primary School to explore the options of expansion from 1 to 2 FE.

3.10.3 The contract has recently been let to accommodate the bulge class admitted by Keston CE Primary School in 2012 and provide more on-site parking. The scheme to provide a multi use games area is currently under development.

3.10.4 Design work is continuing on the expansion of Princes Plain School into the former Education Development Centre site to provide a 4FE primary school. Options for delivering this project are currently being reviewed in association with the proposed expansion of the neighbouring secondary Bishop Justas School, both part of the Aquinas Multi-Academy Trust.

### **3.11 Planning Area 6 – Chislehurst and Mottingham**

3.11.1 Proposals for the relocation and expansion of Chislehurst St Nicholas CE Primary have continued, also now part of the Aquinas multi-academy trust. Submission of a planning

application awaits a commercial agreement on land issues between the Diocese of Rochester and the Council.

- 3.11.2 Planning has been achieved for the expansion of Edgebury Primary School from 2 to 3FE. Based on projections for growth in demand for places at reception in planning area 6 it is proposed that the school will admit 60 children in reception from September 2016.
- 3.11.3 Work is ongoing to identify deliverable solutions to the mismatch in places between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in planning area 6, and in particular identify a solution to the current transition arrangements at the beginning of year 3 between Dorset Road and Mottingham Schools and Mead Road and Red Hill Schools.

### **3.12 Planning Area 7 – Cray Valley**

- 3.12.1 Leeson's Primary School took a bulge class in September 2014 and a feasibility is being undertaken to ascertain the options for further expansion, should the increase in demand in 2014 be sustained. The feasibility study is also developing proposals for improvements to the school's kitchen, accessibility improvements and an option for a school nursery.
- 3.12.2 Midfield Primary School took its third bulge class in September 2014 and arrangements for finalising the permanent expansion of the school from 1 to 2FE are currently being implemented.
- 3.12.3 Poverest Primary School took a bulge class in September 2014 and a feasibility is currently underway to identify future options for expansion should demand for places be sustained. There is an option to open a school nursery as part of a reorganisation of the early years foundation at the school.
- 3.12.4 St Paul's Cray CE Primary School took a bulge class in September 2014 and arrangements for permanently expanding the school including consultation, planning approval and tendering of works have been completed.

### **3.13 Planning Area 8 – Orpington, Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom**

- 3.13.1 Blenheim Primary School took a bulge class in September 2014 and a feasibility is underway to identify how further expansion could be delivered on site. There are options for a further bulge class in September 2015 should it be required.
- 3.13.2 Feasibility studies are also underway at Green Street Green Primary School and St Mary Cray Primary School to identify other options for expansion should they be required.

### **3.14 Planning Area 9 – Biggin Hill and Darwin**

- 3.14.1 Oaklands Primary School is currently a 3FE primary school but has insufficient suitable accommodation to operate at 3FE across all year groups. The school has significant suitability issues arising from the previous amalgamation of infant and junior schools on the site. A feasibility undertaken at the school has identified options for addressing these issues but is not currently affordable. Work will continue with regards a permanent solution to the site accommodation issues and the interim needs of the school.

### **3.15 Secondary Expansion**

- 3.15.1 Development of expansion options will continue with secondary schools with schemes being brought forward for inclusion within the delivery pool of the Basic Need Programme when funding is available and demand can be demonstrated. The first tranche of secondary school

expansion schemes will be included within the next education capital programme report to the Executive due in March 2014.

3.15.2 The council has been working with schools to develop proposals for secondary school expansion based on school masterplans. This includes funding feasibility studies and employing a quantity surveyor to review schemes to ensure value for money.

**4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The need to ensure sufficient places and the efficiency of school organisation is a priority within the Council’s Strategy “Building a Better Bromley” and contributes to the strategy to achieve the status of an Excellent Council. This policy also contributes to key targets within the Children and Young People Portfolio Plan, particularly the outcome that “Children and young people enjoy learning and achieve their full potential”.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Council has been allocated £62,039,805 in 100% capital grant for the financial years 2011-17 to meet the basic need provision in schools. The programme also includes £678,000 of 2 Year Olds funding. It was agreed at Executive on the 20th November 2013 to transfer £1.2 million from the underspend on the Education Planned Maintenance Programme be transferred to support the delivery of the Council’s Basic Need Programme. Funding from the Suitability budget will be made available to support the re-organisation of Bromley Road School.

5.2 This report identifies an updated Basic Need Programme for the period 2011-17 with an estimated expenditure of £109,855,000 and currently a £60,788,000 draw on the Basic Need Capital Grant. Only available funds will be committed to schemes and it should be noted that not all schemes in development will proceed. In addition, the local authority is awaiting a DfE announcement on further funding for 2017-18.

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The distribution and application of monies received from Central Government is subject to guidance and advice from the Department for Education. Under Section 14 Education Act 1996 the Council has a statutory duty to ensure that there are enough primary and secondary school places are available to meet the needs of pupils in its area.

6.2 Section 106 monies must be spent in accordance with the Education contribution clauses set out in Appendix 2 of the report,

6.3 Childcare Act Section 7 sets out the duty on the Council to secure prescribed early years provision free of charge at point of delivery.

6.4 Early Education and Childcare - Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities 2013(revised for September 2014)

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	[List non-applicable sections here]
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	BASIC NEEDS PROVISION UPDATE REPORT 8 INCLUDING 2 YEAR OLD CAPITAL FUNDING, BEACON HOUSE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IN BROMLEY SCHOOLS – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014  PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – 27 JANUARY 2015