

Decision Maker: PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EDUCATION

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: BASIC NEED UPDATE 12

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Chief Officer: Director: Education (ECHS)

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 To update Member on progress in delivering the Council's Basic Need Programme and the forward programme for the period 2015-18.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 That the Education PDS Committee note the update list of schemes as outlined at section Appendix 1

2.2 That the Portfolio Holder for Education:

- i) Approves the updated list of schemes as outlined at section Appendix 1;
- ii) Agrees the procurement of individual 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 and to delegate authority to the Director of Education in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education for the award of contracts up to a value of £500,000 for individual schemes procured through these routes; and,
- iii) Authorises the Director of Education to seek planning permission for schemes 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: £72,190,378
 5. Source of funding: DfE Basic Need Capital Grant, DfE Capital Maintenance Grant, DfE 2 Year Olds Capital Funding, S106, 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:

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, with a total of £70.9m so far allocated for 2011-2018. The next tranche of Basic Need Capital funding is due to be announced by Government over the next few months.

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
2017-18 allocation	£8,837,573
Contribution from DfE Capital Maintenance Grant underspend	£1,200,000
Transfer from Reconfiguration of Special Schools Scheme	£113,000
Total allocation to date:	£72,190,378

3.3 The table above includes the Basic Need Capital Grant available inclusive of contributions from DfE Capital Maintenance Grant and funds allocated within the Council's capital programme for the reconfiguration of special schools.

3.4 In addition, Basic Need capital 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 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. A further report on new S106 allocation for education will be shortly tabled to the Executive.

3.5 Appendix 1 includes details of the Basic Need Programme, those schemes complete, in delivery and planned. There are currently schemes to the value of £82.8m either Completed or Projects in Delivery (Funded). These have been allocated £71.7m from the Basic Need Capital Scheme and £10.9m from other sources. There is currently a £0.5m budget shortfall for these schemes, but this can be covered by the programme contingency. There is currently insufficient funding provided by the DfE and other sources to deliver all the schemes within the Basic Need Programme. A new category of scheme in development (unfunded) has been added for schemes where schemes are being entered into the main delivery programme with construction subject to funds becoming available. Design development of schemes not in the delivery phase (funded or unfunded) of the programme will continue, but schemes will not be brought forward for delivery until funding is available. For 'schemes in development' to be

brought forward into the pool of 'schemes in delivery' there will need to be clear evidence that these are priority schemes.

- 3.6 Appendix 1 includes analysis of changes in the estimated cost of schemes to enable members to more easily analyse where changes have occurred in estimated project costs since the last Basic Need Report 11 in November 2015.
- 3.7 The main contract works to Beacon House (line B1, Appendix 1) are currently underway in order for the new facility to open as a vocational KS4 & KS5 facility for Burwood School in September 2016.
- 3.8 A planning application has been submitted for works at Bishop Justus School and Trinity CE Primary School. This will provide additional capacity for future bulge classes at Bishop Justus School and act as a first step towards the a 2FE expansion at the school and allow for the future expansion of Trinity CE Primary to 4FE.
- 3.9 The Executive agreed the award of contract for construction works at Edgebury School in December that will allow the school to expand to 2FE from September 2016.
- 3.10 Appendix 1 now includes details of costs spent on developing schemes in delivery (unfunded) and schemes in development (Line B25 & B26)..

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Bromley Council has an established policy for the review and strategic planning of school places and related school organisation. The need to ensure sufficient school places, the quality of those places and their efficient 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 Education Portfolio Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council has been allocated £70.9m in 100% capital grant for the financial years 2011-18 to meet the basic need provision in schools. The programme also includes various transfers from other schemes to support the delivery of the Council's Basic Need Programme. Allocations have also been made from Basic Need to support other school expansion schemes, resulting a total current budget of £71.7m as shown in the table below.

	£'000	
2011-12 allocation	4,497	
Autumn 2011 exceptional in-year allocation	1,278	
2012-13 allocation	2,405	
Spring 2012 exceptional in-year allocation	1,590	
2013-15 allocation	9,968	
2015-16 allocation	20,635	
2016-17 allocation	21,667	
2017-18 allocation	8,838	
Total Basic Need Grant Allocation	70,878	
Transfer to Highway Primary Rebuild Scheme	-650	approved Exec 07/03/12
Contribution from DfE Capital Maintenance Grant	1,200	approved Exec 20/11/13
s106 allocations to projects in programme to date	705	approved Exec 02/04/14
Transfer from Reconfiguration of Special Schools Scheme	113	approved Exec 11/02/15
Transfer to Beacon House Refurbishment Scheme	-577	approved Exec 02/12/15
Total Virements to/from Basic Need	791	
Total Basic Need Scheme Budget	71,669	Approved capital programme budget
Highway Primary Rebuild Scheme	650	
Beacon House Refurbishment Scheme	577	
s106 funding	-705	
Adjusted Basic Need	72,191	See para 5.2 below

- 5.2 For the purposes of monitoring total Basic Need related expenditure, and to ensure that any underspends are returned to Basic Need, the £650k and £577k transfers to the Highway Primary Rebuild and Beacon House Refurbishment Schemes respectively have been added back in to the list of projects, and the Section 106 funding removed and shown as other funding.
- 5.3 As detailed in Appendix 1, the updated Basic Need Programme for the period 2011-18 has an estimated total expenditure of £140.3m. £12.4m funding towards this has been identified from other sources, leaving £127.7m to be funded from Basic Need, a shortfall of £56.0m on the current allocation.
- 5.4 To date, a total of £82.7m expenditure has been committed (completed schemes plus schemes in delivery), of which £71.7m is funded from the Basic Need Capital Scheme

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

Non-Applicable Sections:	6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Basic Need Report, report to the Executive 20 May 2015 Basic Need Update 11, report to the Education PDS, 24

