

Decision Maker: Education Portfolio Holder

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Title: BASIC NEED UPDATE REPORT 13

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Chief Officer: Director: Education (ECHS)

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 To update Members 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:

- i. note the update list of schemes as outlined at section Appendix 1
- ii. note new Project in Delivery (Funded) for decant accommodation at Castlecombe Primary School (Ref: line B3 Appendix 1)
- iii. Note the addition of the scheme at Mead Road Infants (Ref: line D6 Appendix 1) as a Project in Development
- iv. Note that the final cost of the schemes at Poverest Primary School and Stewart Fleming Primary School is estimated to increase (Ref: line B13 and B17 Appendix 1)

- 2.2 That the Portfolio Holder for Education authorises the Director of Education to support schools in seeking planning permission at the appropriate time.

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 was due to be announced by Government in early 2016, but an announcement is not now expected until after Easter 2016.

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 £85m 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 as detailed in Appendix 1. There is currently a £2.4m budget shortfall for these schemes, but this can be covered by the programme contingency.
- 3.6 The updated budget contains a contingency of £750k to cover the costs of any primary bulge classes required for September 2016. However, potential space for bulge classes has been identified at a number of schools and it is hoped that call on this contingency can be minimised. In addition, a new scheme has been added at Castlecombe School. This project is

the first phase in expanding the school to 2FE in KS2 and providing certainty of a place from 2017 to parents of pupils transferring from Dorset Road Infants School.

- 3.7 The increase in overall programme value reflects the increase in the estimated final cost of individual schemes as well as the addition of project management costs related to the programme's delivery. The estimated costs of the scheme at Poverest Primary School (line B13 Appendix 1) has increased during the design development stage due to the need to address the topography of the site and provide a multi-use-games-arena to satisfy Sports England by substituting for playing field lost. At Stewart Fleming Primary School (lines A39 and B17 Appendix 1) costs have increased as a result of dealing with the constrained nature of the site, having to undertake more structural surveys and the phasing of works. As a result this scheme is likely to be delivered as two distinct projects. These increases in estimated final cost will be reported to the Executive. In addition lines A47, B22 and B23 give details of capitalised staffing costs associated with delivery of the school expansion programme.
- 3.8 The Council has now completed 45 projects within the Basic Need Programme, with other significant projects such as Beacon House, Clare House Primary School and Parish CE Primary School nearing completion.
- 3.9 A number of schemes are now categorised as Projects in Delivery (unfunded). These are schemes which are currently being developed to 'shovel ready' status awaiting funding on the basis of monies within the existing programme becoming available, more Section 106 contributions being identified or the Council being awarded more funding by the DfE. These include schemes at Castlecombe, Bishop Justus School and the Burwood site of the Beacon Academy.
- 3.10 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 12 in January 2016.
- 3.11 The Lewisham Modular Framework expires shortly and the procurement strategy for the programme is currently being reviewed. A report will be produced for consideration by the Executive regarding the future procurement options for delivering school expansion.
- 3.12 Planning applications at Bishop Justus School and Trinity CE Primary School, Leasons Primary School, Oaklands Primary School, Poverest Primary School and Scotts Park Primary School are currently awaiting determination, with applications for schemes at Beacon Academy (Burwood site), Castlecombe Primary School, Farnborough Primary School and Marian Vian Primary School being prepared for submission.
- 3.13 Feasibility to work is due to commence on resolving the KS1 to KS2 transition arrangements at Mead Road Infant School, investigating possible expansion at St John CE Primary School and the potential expansion of the existing SEN unit at Tubbenden Primary School.

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 £139.4. £12.2m funding towards this has been identified from other sources, leaving £128.5m to be funded from Basic Need, a shortfall of £55.5 on the current allocation.

5.4 To date, a total of £85.9m 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:	10. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	BASIC NEED UPDATE REPORT 12, 19 JANUARY 2016