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London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Key

Title: **BASIC NEED PROGRAMME UPDATE**

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Chief Officer: Director of Education

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

This report provides an update on the capital schemes included within the Council's Basic Need Programme

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **That Members note progress in the delivery of the Basic Need Capital Programme**

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: This programme is currently benefitting local children through providing 1,710 temporary and 2,470 permanent school places in both mainstream and specialist settings since 2011.
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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: £86,360k
 5. Source of funding: DfE Basic Need Capital Grant, DfE SEND Capital Grant, DfE Capital Maintenance Grant, S106 contributions
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Personnel

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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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: There are no procurement implications arising from this report. The procurement strategy for Basic Need has been set out in previous reports.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): In excess of 4,000 pupils in Bromley
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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 a progress update on the delivery of the Council's Basic Need Capital Programme over the past year.
- 3.2 The Council receives Basic Need Capital Grant from the Department for Education (DfE) to support the delivery of sufficient school places, with a total of £77.8m so far allocated for 2011-2020. The Council has received no additional mainstream allocation for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Further allocations are awaiting the outcome of the Government's future comprehensive spending review.
- 3.3 The Council has recently received an additional SEN capital allocation of £1,207,688 in addition to funding announced by the DfE in 2017 and May 2018. These allocations are separate to the Basic Need Capital Grant that local authorities receive to support the capital requirement for providing new pupil places. The formula for allocation is based principally on projected population growth for children and young people aged 2-18 between the years 2018-19 and 2020-21.

Basic Need Allocation	
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
2018-19 allocation	£6,895,846
Total allocation to date:	£77,773,224
SEND Provision Capital Funding	
2018-19 allocation	£865,510
2019-20	£865,510
2020-21	£865,510
Additional 2018-21 allocation (May '18)	£603,844
Additional 2018-21 allocation (Dec '18)	£1,207,688
Total allocation to date:	£4,408,062
Total Grant Funding	£82,181,286

- 3.3 The table above provides details of all the Basic Need Capital Grant and SEND Provision Capital Funding received by the Council.
- 3.4 In addition, the Basic Need capital programme also includes capital contributions from a range of other capital funding programmes including Capital Maintenance Grant and Section 106 contributions. These are detailed in Section 6 of this report.
- 3.5 Appendix 1 provides an update on those projects recently completed, currently being delivered or under development
- 3.7 Appendix 2 provides details of the Basic Need Programme and the funding allocated for individual projects. Projects are categorised as follows:
- A Completed projects, including projects that are in defects and yet to reach final account.

- B Projects in Delivery (Funded) – schemes that are in the delivery phase, including projects under construction and in procurement, and have available funding allocated to them to allow delivery
- C Projects in Delivery (Unfunded) – schemes that are not an immediate priority and are therefore not fully funded, but are being developed to a stage where they can be delivered when they are required and/or funding becomes available.

3.9 Since the last Basic Need Update Report to the Executive in July 2018, works have focused on the delivery of schemes in the funded programme.

4, IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

4.1 The Basic Need Capital Programme has added 1,680 temporary and 2,470 permanent school places in mainstream and specialist settings, with a further 300 permanent places being added at Bishop Justus from September 2019 and 210 places at Stewart Fleming Primary School from 2020.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 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

6.1 The Council has been allocated £81m in 100% Basic Need Capital Grant and SEND Provision Capital Funding for the financial years 2011-21 to meet the need for mainstream, specialist and alternative provision school places. 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 to Basic Need to support other education capital schemes, resulting in a total current budget of £86.4m as shown in the table below.

	£'000s
Basic Need Allocation 2011-21	77,773
SEND Provision Capital Funding 2018-21	4,408
Total DfE mainstream and SEND place provision funding	82,181
Other funding streams	
Approved S106 allocations	3,595
Transfers from DfE Capital Maintenance Grant	1,294
Transfer from Reconfiguration of Special Schools Scheme	113
DfE payment for Trinity CE Primary School MUGA	301
	5,303
Total Basic Need Budget	87,484
Transfer to Highway Capital Project	-650
Transfer to Beacon House Capital Project	-577
Transfer back from Highway Capital Project to Basic Need	103
New Basic Need Capital Programme	86,360

- 6.2 The table above sets out the Council’s updated Basic Need Capital Programme including the most recent SEND Provision Capital Funding (£1,208k).
- 6.3 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. Other the past year £103k has been passed back to Basic Need from the Highway Capital project which is now closed.
- 6.5 To date, a total of £96.4m expenditure has been committed (completed schemes plus schemes in delivery), of which £77.8m is funded from the Basic Need Capital Grant. The balance of funding has come from a range of other funding sources that are detailed in Appendix 2.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Section 106 monies must be spent in accordance with the Education contribution clauses.

8. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This report provides details on the funding allocations and priorities for the Council’s Basic Need Capital Programme. The procurement strategy, as set out in previous Executive reports, is not altered by this report.

Non-Applicable Sections:	6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	[Title of document and date]