

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

The Cabinet

Date of Committee

16th June 2005

Report Title

Education Capital Issues

Summary

This paper seeks Members' approval to two additions to the capital programme for Early Years provision in Leamington and Warwick and the allocation of minor works funding for 2005/06.

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**Would the recommended
decision be contrary to the
Budget and Policy
Framework? [please identify
relevant plan/budget provision]**

No

Background papers

In respect of Early Years projects:

- Children's Centres Strategic Plan – Cabinet 9.10.03
- Warwickshire Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Strategic Plan 2004/06

In respect of allocation of minor works funds: None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

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Local Member(s)

☒ Cllr Raj Randev – Warwick West – *"I support the recommendation"* (in respect of Warwick Nursery School)

Cllr Richard Hyde – Stratford South
Cllr Mike Perry – Stratford South
Cllr Gordon Collett – Dunchurch
Cllr Patricia Henry – Arbury & Stockingford
Cllr Barry Longden – Arbury & Stockingford
Cllr Brian Moss – Kingsbury

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| Other Elected Members | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cabinet Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cllr John Burton
Cllr Izzi Seccombe
Cllr Alan Farnell |
| Chief Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Legal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jane Pollard / Richard Freeth – “fine” |
| Finance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Charles Holden, County Treasurer's – comments incorporated in the report |
| Other Chief Officers | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| District Councils | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Health Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Police | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other Bodies/Individuals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Capital Strategy Group in respect of allocation of minor works funds |

FINAL DECISION

NO

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

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| Further consideration by this Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To Council | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To Cabinet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Report on Children's Centres to a future meeting of Cabinet |
| To an O & S Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To an Area Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Further Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

The Cabinet – 16th June 2005

Education Capital Issues

Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendations:

- (1) That the following amounts be added to the County's capital programme for 2005/06:

Sure Start Leamington projects	£1,000,000
Warwick Nursery School (subject to confirmation of grants)	£89,500
- (2) That the 2005/06 minor works budget be allocated as outlined in paragraph 2 of the County Education Officer's report.

1. Early Years

1.1 Sure Start

Sure Start Leamington, which makes Early Years provision in Whitnash, Kingsway and Lillington, is run by National Children's Homes (NCH) who have up to now had their own capital strategy. However in recent weeks the Government Office of the West Midlands has announced that the £1million available to build the Sure Start Leamington facilities may come to the County Council if both parties agree to this. This will mean that costs of VAT will be saved and that there will be no requirement to establish 30 year leases on the premises. It is therefore recommended that Warwickshire County Council take on the responsibility for spending these resources and that the amount be added to the County's capital programme.

1.2 Children's Centres

The DfES has announced details of the County Council's allocation for Phase 2 of Children's Centre development. The capital amount indicatively assigned is £3,200,000. This will enable the development of approximately 20 Children's Centres thereby increasing total provision to the required 15,917 places. A further report will be brought to Cabinet when the individual projects are determined.

1.3 Warwick Nursery School

Warwick Nursery School wishes to extend its services to provide a Parents' Centre offering care for children from birth to three years alongside training and support for parents. The proposal, which has the full support of the Early Years Team in the Education Department, is to bring a good quality temporary building on to the site suitably fitted out. The school intends to fund the total cost of the scheme from the following sources:

Devolved formula capital	£38,478
School revenue budget	£11,000
Application to King Henry VIII Charity	£20,000
Application to Warwick in Need Charity	£20,000
Total	£89,478

Final written confirmation of the charity contributions is still awaited but subject to this being received, it is proposed that this project be included in the Education capital programme for 2005/06.

2. Minor works

As part of the 2005/06 capital budget, elected members agreed that £250,000 be allocated for minor works in schools with £200,000 being available immediately and a further £50,000 on the receipt of sale proceeds from the Aylesford land (expected summer 2005). The Capital Strategy Group have considered the matter and recommend that the money be allocated to the following projects, leaving a small contingency of £16,000:

- Adaptation to provide separate headteacher's room at Shottery C of E Primary £9,000

This is one of the few remaining schools that does not have such a facility and therefore does not meet the latest Education Premises regulations.

- Additional classroom at Leamington Hastings C of E Infant School – estimated cost £130,000

The school is the last in the County not to have an assembly hall that can be used for PE and other large-scale activities; it is therefore unable to offer the full curriculum. An additional classroom will enable the existing hall to be used for its original purpose. In accordance with the timescale for this project it is proposed that £50,000 of this expenditure be deferred until confirmation of the Aylesford capital receipt.

- Contribution to replace temporary science laboratory at Alderman Smith School, Nuneaton £30,000

Construction work on the new sports hall has necessitated the dismantling of an old temporary classroom used as a science laboratory. Regulations on positioning temporary classrooms means it cannot be

relocated on site and so a new permanent laboratory will be added on to an existing building. The total cost will be £100,000 but the school is providing the remaining £70,000 from its own resources

- Contribution to new outdoor education facility at Kingsbury £65,000
Consideration is being given to the development of an outdoor education facility at Kingsbury Water Park. A report will be presented to the Cabinet on this matter in due course. The allocation of these resources is subject to the outcome of those decisions and will be used elsewhere if not required.

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2nd June 2005