

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

The Cabinet

Date of Committee

30th June 2005

Report Title

Education Capital Issues

Summary

This paper recommends an increase in the resources available for two building projects at The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School, Hatton, and St. Nicholas C of E Primary School, Alcester, with the necessary finance coming from existing budgets.

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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

Cabinet reports 11.3.04 and 9.12.04

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

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Local Member(s)

☒ Cllr Jose Compton – Leek Wootton – “I support
the additional funding for Ferncumbe School”
Cllr Nina Knapman – Alcester

Other Elected Members

☐

Cabinet Member

☒ Cllr John Burton
Cllr Izzi Seccombe
Cllr Alan Farnell

Chief Executive

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Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Pollard / Richard Freeth – “fine”
Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Holden, County Treasurer’s – “no comments”
Other Chief Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>
District Councils	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Bodies/Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/>

FINAL DECISION **YES**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
To Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
To Cabinet	<input type="checkbox"/>
To an O & S Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
To an Area Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendations:

- (1) That the cost of the capital project at The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School, Hatton, be increased from £140,000 to £157,000, with the additional resources being taken from the underspend on Milverton Primary School.
- (2) That the cost of the project at St. Nicholas C of E Primary School, Alcester, be increased to £2,755,000, with the additional resources being obtained from sources listed in para. 2.3 of the County Education Officer's report.

1. The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School, Hatton

- 1.1 At the Cabinet meeting held on 9th December 2004 Members agreed a number of projects for inclusion in the Education capital programme using resources from the DfES 2004/05 basic need allocation. This included a scheme to increase accommodation at The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School because of increased demand from new housing at Hatton. The developer of new homes in the area is providing the majority of the funding for the project. Initially it was estimated that the cost of the scheme would be £140,000. However the complexity of the scheme within the existing building means that the cost will now be £157,000.
- 1.2 At the same meeting Members agreed to an allocation of £50,000 for a basic need project at Milverton Primary School. The Milverton project is now complete and the cost has been limited to £30,000. It is therefore proposed that the additional £17,000 required for the Ferncumbe project be taken from the underspend on the Milverton project.

2. St. Nicholas C of E Primary School, Alcester

- 2.1 In March 2004 Cabinet agreed a capital project in connection with the formation of the new St. Nicholas Cof E Primary School in Alcester from former separate infant and junior schools. The total cost of and resources for the project were

estimated at £2,460,000. In addition a further £72,000 was allocated to the scheme by Property Services Department to enable a new boiler to be installed at the same time making a total cost of £2,532,000.

- 2.2 Although there were always plans to include a pre-school facility on the site, the provision now being made is considerably larger than originally planned. Needs in this area have increased considerably in line with Government expectations for this comparatively deprived area of the County. In addition to the normal day-time provision for pre-school age children the planned facility will also offer wrap-around care for children of all ages. There have also been additional requirements that have emerged during the project planning process, including improved circulation and staff accommodation, that will assist with the workforce reform agenda.
- 2.3 The total cost of the project is now estimated at £2,755,000, an increase of £223,000. It is recommended that the additional funding be obtained from the following sources:

NDS Condition funding 2005/06	£55,000
Staff workplace funding	£15,000
Additional school devolved formula funding	£35,000
NDS Modernisation 2006/07	£118,000

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