

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

The Cabinet

Date of Committee

21st July 2005

Report Title

Education Capital Issues

Summary

This paper proposes arrangements for handling Seed Challenge allocations, asks for a decision on the use of proceeds of sale from the former Lapworth C of E Junior and Infant School, seeks agreement to funding for an all-weather pitch at Aylesford School and a feasibility study for Kineton High School.

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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 – 9.12.04, 24.2.05 and 26.5.05
- letter from the Lapworth Charity dated 23.3.05

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

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Local Member(s)

- ☐ Cllr Jose Compton – Leek Wootton – “I support the second option in recommendation (2) that the proceeds from the sale should remain with Lapworth Education Foundation to enable them to continue to support Lapworth School with the provision of a Special Needs Teacher. Without this funding this provision could not continue.”
- Cllr Raj Randev – Warwick West (and governor at Aylesford School) – “I support recommendation (3)”
- Cllr David Booth – Kineton

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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”
Peter Endall – comments incorporated in the
report re Lapworth |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> | |

FINAL DECISION

YES

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 type="checkbox"/> | |
| To an O & S Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To an Area Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Further Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

The Cabinet – 21st July 2005

Education Capital Issues

Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendations:

- (1) That a decision on the allocation of Seed Challenge funding be made **either** by a sub group of the Capital Strategy Group during the summer term, **or** by Cabinet in September 2005.
- (2) That the proceeds of sale from the old school building at Lapworth **either** be claimed by the County, **or** remain with the Lapworth Education Foundation to enable them to continue to support Lapworth C of E Primary School, subject to an agreement being completed with the Trustees of the school on terms acceptable to the County Education Officer and the County Solicitor & Assistant Chief Executive governing the Trustees' use of the proceeds and making provision for the proceeds to be claimed by the Council in the event of any subsequent disposal of the current school premises.
- (3) That a project to provide an all-weather pitch at Aylesford School, Warwick, be added to the 2005/06 Education capital programme at a cost of £470,000 using resources identified in the County Education Officer's report.
- (4) That a feasibility study be undertaken into the possible replacement of Kineton High School.

1. Seed Challenge funding

- 1.1 Although the DfES Seed Challenge funding came to an end in 2004/05, the Cabinet approved an allocation of £250,000 from LEA capital funds to enable a similar scheme to operate in 2005/06. The scheme enables third party contributions towards capital schemes to be matched up to a maximum of £20,000. At the Cabinet meeting on 26th May, on the recommendation of the Capital Strategy Group, Members agreed the allocation of Seed Challenge money totalling £143,662 to 22 schools. This left £106,338 still to distribute and a further 46 bids have now been received totalling £347,952.

- 1.2 A sub committee of the Capital Strategy Group has already been established to consider the bids in order to assess which ones should be supported. Members are asked to decide whether they wish to approve the final list of allocations or whether they are happy to leave the decision to the sub group of the Capital Strategy Group. The sub group should be able to meet this term so that schools could be informed of the outcome before the summer holidays while a Cabinet decision would defer the decision until September.

2. Proceeds of sale from the old school at Lapworth

- 2.1 The LEA provided a new building for the Lapworth Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School some 12 years ago, replacing an old building that was no longer fit for the purpose. The old building belonged to the Lapworth Charity, trustees of the Lapworth Education Charity. It was expected that the building would be sold by the Trustees and the proceeds made available to the County Council to offset the costs of the new building. The sale process and decision on the use of the proceeds has been more protracted than expected and the Trust has incurred costs in making the building fit for sale. These costs have been taken from the capital receipt with the result that an amount of £75,000 is now available.
- 2.2 The Trust has pointed out that the money is held on deposit and the disposable income used to benefit the school by providing £5,000 per year to pay the costs of a special needs teacher that otherwise the school could not afford. In addition to this expenditure the Trust has used its funds to give a number of one-off grants to the school totalling about £25,000 since 1996. The school is extremely grateful for this support.
- 2.3 The Trust points out that it would no longer be able to afford such support if the County claims the £75,000 capital receipt to which it is entitled. Members are asked to consider whether the County should claim the capital receipt or leave it with the Trust to benefit the school in the longer term. In the event Members do wish to take the latter approach it is recommended that the County should enter into an agreement with the Trustees explicitly requiring them to use the receipt only in connection with the school and also reserving the County's right to make a claim against the proceeds in the event that the current school premises are disposed of by the Trustees at some stage in the future.
- 2.4 If the Authority claimed the capital receipt it would be used for the benefit of the capital programme as a whole.

3. Aylesford School all-weather pitch

- 3.1 Major building work has been carried out at Aylesford School, principally financed from the proceeds of the land swap, facilitated by the school, that has enabled the sale of land at South West Warwick. To enable the school to get maximum benefit from its playing field area it has been agreed that an all-weather pitch should be provided. At the Cabinet meeting on 9th December

2004 Members were told that the funding of the all-weather pitch would be met from Section 106 agreement funding or, if necessary, from the Education capital programme.

- 3.2 It is anticipated that the total cost of the all-weather pitch will be £470,000, of which the following amounts are already available:

Remaining capital from previous capital scheme	£120,000
Aylesford School's devolved formula capital	£92,215
Total	£212,215

- 3.3 In addition the school hopes to secure a contribution of about £50,000 from the King Henry VIII Charity specifically for flood lighting, leaving an outstanding amount of £208,000.
- 3.4 Negotiations for the second phase of the South West Warwick S106 agreement are at an advanced stage although the agreement has not yet been signed and sealed. It is confidently expected that the agreement will include £700,000 towards secondary education and it is proposed that the remaining resources to enable the all-weather pitch to be provided be taken from this source and that the project be added to the 2005/06 capital programme.

4. Kineton High School

- 4.1 The buildings at Kineton High School are in particularly poor condition and parts are becoming difficult to maintain. For some time the LEA has been hoping to provide a replacement school but the anticipated timetable for Building Schools for the Future suggests that it could be another 15 years before funding becomes available. The Education Department is now looking at options but if they are to be progressed, a feasibility study will be required.
- 4.2 If Members agree to such a study being undertaken, officers in the Education and Property Services Departments will undertake the work and incidental costs will be met from a revenue budget available for this purpose.

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