

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

The Cabinet

Date of Committee

8 September 2005

Report Title

Education Capital Issues

Summary

This paper proposes the allocation of remaining Seed Challenge funding, recommends the addition to the capital programme of a project at Myton School, and the declaration as surplus the old River House School building in Henley.

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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 21st July 2005 – Seed Challenge funds
- Cabinet 17th March 2005 – River House

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

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Local Member(s)

Cllr Marion Haywood – Warwick South
Cllr George Atkinson – Henley-in-Arden

Other Elected Members

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Cabinet Member

Cllr John Burton
Cllr Alan Farnell
Cllr Izzi Seccombe – *“am happy to confirm that this report should go to Cabinet for their views”*

Chief Executive

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- Legal Jane Pollard / Richard Freeth – “fine”
- Finance Charles Holden, County Treasurer’s – “fine”
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Sub-group of the Capital Strategy Group in respect of allocation of Seed Challenge funds

FINAL DECISION **YES**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Seed Challenge allocations recommended by the Capital Strategy Group sub-group be confirmed.
- (2) That a project to convert the gymnasium at Myton School, Warwick, estimated at £430,000 be added to the 2005/06 capital programme with finance being provided as detailed in the County Education Officer's report.
- (3) That the River House building in Henley-in-Arden be declared surplus to requirements, sold on terms acceptable to the County Education Officer, the Director of Property Services and the County Solicitor & Assistant Chief Executive, and the proceeds used towards SEN reorganisation projects in the Central Area.

1. Seed Challenge

- 1.1 At the Cabinet meeting held on 21st July Members agreed that a decision would be taken at their September meeting on the allocation of the remaining resources available under the Seed Challenge scheme. Applications for the remaining £106,338 were invited from schools and bids totalling £370,000 received. A complete list is shown at **Appendix A**.
- 1.2 The bids were considered by a sub-group of the Capital Strategy Group consisting of a headteacher, a governor and a diocesan representative. Each bid was considered in the context of the criteria issued, i.e. raising academic standards or addressing serious health and safety issues. Late bids and those received from schools that had already received allocations in the first wave were not considered. The sub-group was keen to offer a contribution to all schools meeting these criteria and has therefore suggested a maximum allocation of £5,497 to eligible schools. A list of recommended allocations is shown at **Appendix B**. In the event of a school being unable to take up their allocation it is recommended that the money be shared amongst those successful schools whose original bid exceeded £5,497.

2. Myton School, Warwick

2.1 Sixth form numbers at Myton are increasing and from September 2005 are expected to reach 300, an increase of 30 on existing numbers. This will increase pressure on accommodation and so the school proposes to convert a gymnasium to provide accommodation for music and drama, freeing up rooms elsewhere for modern foreign languages and special needs. A sports hall funded principally by the Big Lottery is due for completion at the end of 2005 when one of the two gymnasias will no longer be required for its original purpose.

2.2 It is anticipated that the cost of converting the gymnasium and other accommodation in the school will total £430,000 and will come from the following sources:

S106 contributions:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Portobello development | £288,000 |
| 1 Coventry Road, Warwick | £15,000 |
| Manor House Hotel, Leamington | £51,000 |
| Montgomery Road, Whitnash | £10,000 |
| Continuation of loan already negotiated with the LEA | £60,000 |
| Devolved formula capital and other school resources | £6,000 |
| Total | £430,000 |

2.3 The S106 contributions for the Manor House Hotel and Montgomery Road developments have already been collected and it is anticipated that the Coventry Road contribution will be received very soon. The Portobello development, however, is in the early stages and although the S106 agreement has been signed and sealed it is not anticipated that the money will be paid for some time. The agreement requires 50% to be paid on the occupation of the 100th dwelling and 50% on the occupation of the 200th. In the circumstances Cabinet is asked to agree that the project be allowed to proceed as soon as possible in anticipation of the receipt of the Portobello contribution.

3. River House, Henley-in-Arden

3.1 The original River House building in Henley is no longer required for Education purposes following extensive building work for River House School on an adjoining site and the provision of accommodation in Lillington for special needs staff. It is recommended that the site be declared surplus, sold and the proceeds used for special education needs reorganisation projects in the Central Area, as agreed in the Cabinet paper of 17th March 2005.

3.2 A plan of the site, which comprises 1.3 acres/0.5299 hectares, is attached at **Appendix C**. The area to be sold is shown dotted.

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24th August 2005

The Allocation of 2005/06 Seed Challenge Funding - July 2005

Appendix B

Seed Challenge Grant = £250,000. Allocated in first wave = £143,662. Amount left to allocate = £106,338.

| Date Recd | Name of School | Project | Project Estimate | Funding | | | | | | Seed Challenge 2005/6 | | | |
|-----------|--|--|------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| | | | | PTA | School Contribution | Devolved Formula Capital | School Income from Sales & Lettings | Fundraising | Donations | In Kind | Bid | Allocation | |
| 17-Jun | Biar Hill Infant | To install window blinds to improve H&S of children using computers | 3,000 | 1,500 | | | | | | | | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| 21-Jun | Westgate Primary | To improve security and re-locate the school office | 10,000 | 5,000 | | | | | | | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 21-Jun | Haselor School | To refurbish the Reception and Infant classrooms | 18,310 | 4,500 | 6,310 | | | | | | | 6,000 | 5,497 |
| 22-Jun | Shipston High | To create a designated Reception/Waiting area to improve security | 18,000 | 1,750 | 3,000 | | | 4,850 | | 1,900 | 500 | 6,000 | 5,497 |
| 22-Jun | Newton Regis C of E Primary | To develop outdoor play facilities for Early Years/KS 1 | 6,000 | 3,000 | | | | | | | | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 23-Jun | St Nicholas C of E Community Primary, Kenilworth | To refurbish the Junior Girls toilets and re-site the caretaker's room | 30,000 | 2,750 | 3,750 | | | | | 8,500 | | 15,000 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | Athersstone Early Years Centre | To provide new climbing equipment to address development needs | 40,000 | | 20,000 | | | | | | | 20,000 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | Stratford Grammar School for Girls | A new build to house ICT suite & related office with conversions to existing | 80,000 | 45,000 | 15,000 | | | | | | | 20,000 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Kenilworth | To develop the outside learning environment | 10,000 | 3,000 | | | | 2,000 | | | | 5,000 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | Stratford Primary | To develop the outdoor environment, install cycle shelter * air con in ICT | 28,000 | 7,000 | | | | | | 7,000 | | 14,000 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | The Willows C of E Primary, Stratford | To provide toilet and shower facilities in the pool area and refine the pool | 15,000 | 7,500 | | | | | | | | 7,500 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | Coughton C of E Primary | To extend Hall and provide new ICT, and combined Library/Music areas | 125,000 | | 105,000 | | | | | | | 20,000 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | Rugby High | Refurbish PE Changing room | 30,000 | 4,000 | 5,100 | | | 11,000 | | | | 9,900 | 5,497 |
| 23-Jun | Burton Green C of E Primary | To create an outdoor covered area | 8,523 | 3,196 | 1,066 | | | | | | | 4,261 | 4,261 |
| 24-Jun | Exhall Grange | To install lift to transfer students from Hall to Gymnasium | 16,500 | | | | | 8,250 | | | | 8,250 | 5,497 |
| 24-Jun | The Fencumbe C of E (Controlled) Primary | To equip and fit new classrooms | 40,000 | | | | | | | 20,000 | | 20,000 | 5,497 |
| 24-Jun | Welcombe Hills | To create an outside learning environment | 14,000 | 3,506 | | | | | | 5,874 | | 4,620 | 4,620 |
| 24-Jun | Dunchurch Infant | To make safe and level an area of playground to improve quality of play | 22,000 | 1,976 | 2,524 | | | 5,000 | | 1,500 | | 11,000 | 5,497 |
| 24-Jun | Radford Semele C of E Primary | To extend the learning environment for Foundation Stage | 29,650 | | 15,000 | | | | | | | 15,000 | 5,497 |
| 24-Jun | Bishopton Primary | To refurbish the main entrance and children's toilets | 22,581 | 11,291 | | | | | | | | 11,290 | 5,497 |
| 24-Jun | Hanshill School | To create an area to deal with inappropriate behaviour | 40,000 | | 20,000 | | | | | | | 20,000 | 5,497 |
| | Total | | 606,564 | 93,678 | 137,124 | 41,126 | 15,850 | 15,250 | 44,774 | 500 | 227,321 | 106,333 | |