

County Council

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Education Capital Programme 2023/24

Recommendation

That Council agrees £2.633 million be added to the capital programme to deliver the scheme at Kingsway Community Primary School.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report recommends proposals for allocating resources in the Education (Schools) Capital Programme to the specific project set out in Section 3. The project is funded from a combination of DfE grant, Capital Investment Fund and Capital Inflation Contingency Fund.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 The project was originally budgeted at £5.167 million financed via the Capital Investment Fund (CIF) instead of Basic Need funding because the proposal relates to the condition and replacement of a WCC non-school asset i.e. the joined Nursery and Children & Family Centre. Therefore, Basic Need grant cannot be used to finance the additional costs now forecast. A further £0.100 million was allocated from the Capital Inflation Contingency Fund (CICF) in November 2022.
- 2.2 Estimated project costs compared to budget has increased from £5.267 million to £7.900 million per the table below:

Funding Source	Approved Budget September 2020 (£m)	Tendered Costs March 2023 (£m)	Additional Funding Required March 2023 (£m)
DfE Grant	1.550	1.550	0.000
WCC CIF	3.617	4.965	1.348
WCC CICF	0.100	1.385	1.285
Total	5.267	7.900	2.633

The additional £2.633 million is categorised as follows:

- Design development - £0.460 million. This mainly covers fencing and playground extension.
 - Inflationary and additional costs - £2.173 million. Inflationary impacts from Q1 2020 to Q2 2023 form the bulk of this increase. Additionally to this, professional fees and subsidiary costs have increased in line with the overall cost of the project.
- 2.3 A request was made to the DfE via the Trust on 3 April 2023 for additional capital funding of £1.871 million in addition to the £1.550 million already awarded, amounting to £3.421 million in total as a contribution towards costs. The DfE has since confirmed they will not contribute additional funds to the project.
- 2.4 There are sufficient balances within both the Capital Investment Fund and the Capital Inflation Contingency Fund to make the allocations from. The potential outcomes of the Value Engineering workshop may offer the prospect of savings within the indicated budget which if forthcoming will be used to reduce the Capital Investment Fund contribution accordingly.

3. Proposals for addition to the 2023/2024 Education Capital Programme

Kingsway Primary School (Leamington)

- 3.1 Kingsway Community Primary School received an 'Inadequate' Ofsted judgement in July 2017 and in line with Government legislation was subsequently given an academy order. It was agreed by the DfE and WCC that the Community Academies Trust (CAT) were the preferred trust for this school to join. However, the proposed Trust were not willing to take on the liabilities associated with certain elements of the building which houses the school hall, boiler and kitchen as well as the WCC leased Nursery and Children & Family Centre. Kingsway Community Primary School received an improved Ofsted rating of 'Requires Improvement' before joining the CAT in January 2021.
- 3.2 To aid the successful progress of the forced conversion it was agreed to rebuild and relocate the hall and Nursery and Children & Family Centre to maintain separation of the premises. The DfE agreed to a £1.550 million grant as a contribution towards the costs and Full Council approved £3.617 million of Capital Investment Funding (CIF) in October 2020 to fund the WCC element of the proposal (Nursery and Children & Family Centre). This gave a total budget of £5.167 million.
- 3.3 Since funding approval in October 2020, planning permission for the scheme has been obtained, design and development completed and a tender process undertaken. As a result of recent volatile market conditions, the high and variable cost of materials, supply chain issues affecting the market and additional site constraints, surveys and fees not fully clear at the time of the

original submission, the total budget for the scheme has increased by £2.733 million to £7.900 million. £0.100 million was added to the scheme in November 2022 from the Capital Inflation Contingency Fund leaving a shortfall of £2.633.

- 3.4 It is proposed to allocate £1.285 million from the Capital Inflation Contingency Fund and £1.348 million from the Capital Investment Fund to support the continued delivery of the scheme.
- 3.5 Council is asked to agree the proposal to allocate £2.633 million to the scheme as part of the Capital Programme:

Capital Investment Fund	£1.348 million
Capital Inflation Contingency Fund	£1.285 million

4. Environmental Implications

- 4.1 The County Council will look to use modern methods of construction to achieve efficiencies and benefits particularly in terms of time, cost, and the environment.
- 4.2 Environmental risk assessments, together with mitigation statements to reduce any potential environmental impacts, are required for any capital project.
- 4.3 All future school capital projects will be developed in accordance with statutory regulations which include the revised Building Regulations 2021. These new building regulations include significant changes to the regulations around ventilation, energy efficiency and overheating, electric vehicle charging and a number of smaller supporting elements of the regulations. Schools will therefore be built to new standards that are expected to produce lower carbon dioxide omissions compared to previous standards and will also be assessed using primary energy metrics.
- 4.4 Proposed schemes aim to ensure the sufficiency of, and accessibility to, provision in local settings avoiding the need to travel further afield to access education or childcare provision.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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