

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES
CABINET MEMBER**

SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval on the proposed update of the capital programme for Children and Young People's Service.
- 1.2 To seek approval to increase the allocation within the Schools and Children's Centres Investment Programme for the expansion of the junior site Willoughby Road Primary school.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The approved Capital Programme for Children's Services 2011-14 is summarised in Appendix 1. The schemes are at various stages of completion and have been reviewed to ensure that the correct budget is allocated to each scheme.
- 2.2 The work at Oakfield and Messingham is now complete and the final costings have identified an under spend on these schemes. In order to maximise the Schools Building Programme this funding has been identified to support priority schemes here that have cost more than anticipated.
- 2.3 The Primary Capital Programme has funded the new Westcliffe Primary school, which is due for completion in April 2012. The residual funding has supported additional schemes within the rolling programme for Schools and Children's Centres.
- 2.2 There is a rolling programme for School Buildings and Children's Centres which includes many different projects. This programme identifies the local authority's responsibilities and duties relating to the maintenance of school buildings and ensuring a sufficient supply of school places. In addition, the following types of issues were identified as significant factors for consideration:
 - ensuring health and safety issues are addressed
 - ensuring buildings are suitable and fit for purpose
 - ensuring consideration as to how carbon impact can be reduced
 - ensuring poor performing buildings are removed from the school estate

- ensuring buildings are rationalised where possible to reduce revenue costs

2.4 As part of this programme, funding was earmarked for the expansion of Willoughby Road Primary School (previously Riddings Infants and Riddings Junior School). The original budget did not include the nursery unit. The feasibility has now been completed and the preferred option to maximise the benefits of amalgamation and to provide a more cost effective space includes the nursery unit.

2.5 Through the amalgamation of the two schools there will be an opportunity for the council to consider the future use of the Infant site following the completion of the junior site expansion project.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Transfer budgets between schemes as shown in Appendix 1 (Proposed Programme.)

3.2 That the tenders for the expansion on Willoughby Road incorporate the nursery unit and that the additional costs be met from the existing programme in the first instance with the additional capital receipt from the infant site being incorporated in the proposed revised programme.

3.3 Retain the status quo.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The updated proposals acknowledge the changes between schemes and between years.

4.2 The under spend on Messingham and Oakfield will be used to fund the extra costs identified within the priority maintenance work being undertaken on school boilers roofing and electrical wiring in order to maximise the number of schools which will benefit from this programme.

4.3 The additional costs of the expansion of Willoughby Road Primary on the junior site to incorporate the nursery can be met from the existing programme. This will enable an effective use of spaces within the new primary school to enhance opportunities for improved educational outcomes for the children of this school.

4.4 The inclusion of the anticipated capital receipt in the proposed revised programme in future years would enable the level of additional priority condition and school refurbishment to be carried out.

4.5 By retaining the status quo, the school estate will not be fit to provide quality educational outcomes nor will the opportunity to make the changes required to secure educational improvements in attainment.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

Financial Implications

- 5.1 The latest approved capital programme for schools investment 2011-15 amounts to £35.9m.
- 5.2 The proposed revised programme for 2011-15 totals £36.4m.
- 5.3 There will be an additional capital receipt anticipated from Riddings Infant site being released of £420k in 2013/14. This has been included in the forward planning of the rolling programme and included in the revised capital proposals which will be presented for approval at Full Council in February 2012.
- 5.4 The proposed programme takes into account variations between anticipated grant funding and actual grant funding. This amounts to an additional £26k.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 **Risk:** A well planned programme of maintenance can minimise any disruption caused by schools having to close on health and safety grounds.
- 6.2 **Statutory:** Undertaking basic need and maintenance work will ensure that the LA continues to meet its statutory responsibility to ensure sufficient number of good quality school places.

New and refurbished school facilities will make a significant contribution to improving outcomes for children and young people as set out in the Children & Young People's Plan.

- 6.3 **Environment:** Ensuring an optimum number of school places within each locality will reduce the need for children to be transported to schools outside their catchment / neighbouring catchment area.

Environmental considerations will be taken into account regarding the design and build of capital projects

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Head teachers have been consulted via a working group. In addition members of Infrastructure Services, who carried out the schools' condition surveys have been consulted and involved in the prioritisation process.
- 7.2 As part of the consultation for the amalgamation of Riddings Infants and Juniors, the majority response in respect of the nursery was to locate it as part of the one site provision for the whole school.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the proposed capital programme outlined in Appendix 1.
- 8.2 That the Cabinet Member approves the plans to incorporate the nursery unit in the whole school expansion project for Willoughby Road Primary School.
- 8.3 That the Cabinet Member supports the proposal to utilise the additional capital receipt as part of the updated Schools and Children's Centres Investment Programme.

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Appendix 1

Latest Approved Programme

Scheme / Funding Block	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's
Formula Capital Devolved to Schools	£ 2,273	£560	£560	£560
Access in Schools	£100	£100	£100	£100
Oakfield Primary Amalgamation	£ 306			
St Peter and St Paul CE Primary (Lakeside)	£ 2,026	£1,011	£600	
Messingham Consolidation	£ 1,455			
Primary Capital Programme	£ 6,754	£1,000		
School Kitchen & facilities	£ 438			
School Kitchen Ventilations	£3			
Extended Schools	£3			
St Bede's Playing Fields	£ 26			
School Investment Programme	£ 2,195	£5,622	£4,574	£4,524
Schools Temporary Building Replacement	£ 405	£205	£205	£205
Total	£ 15,984	£8,498	£6,039	£5,389

Proposed Revised Programme

Scheme / Funding Block	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's
Formula Capital Devolved to Schools	£ 1,922	£560	£560	£560
Access in Schools	£75	£125	£100	£100
Oakfield Primary Amalgamation	£ 63			
St Peter and St Paul CE Primary (Lakeside)	£ 2,026	£1,261	£350	
Messingham Consolidation	£ 983	£22		
Primary Capital Programme	£ 4,762	£860	£140	
School Kitchen & facilities	£ 528			
School Kitchen Ventilations	£189			
Extended Schools	£3			
St Bede's Playing Fields	£ 26			
School Investment Programme	£ 4,981	£5,622	£4,994	£4,524
Schools Temporary Building Replacement	£ 377	£233	£205	£205
Total	15,935	8,683	6,349	5,389