

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills (and Deputy Leader)	Ref No: ES07 (18/19)
July 2018	Key Decision: Yes
Expansion of The Angmering School	Part I
Report by Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment and Director of Education and Skills	Electoral Division: Angmering and Findon

Summary

The County Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for all children who need a place. This report seeks approval for the allocation of capital funding from the Basic Need Capital Programme to undertake an expansion project at The Angmering School that will provide 150 additional school places for secondary aged pupils to meet the demand of growing pupil numbers in the Angmering area.

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills is asked to:-

- (1) Approve the allocation of £9,880,000 from the Basic Need Capital Programme to fund expansion works at The Angmering School and the completion of a procurement process for the delivery of the works detailed in paragraphs 2.2 and 3.2 of the report.
- (2) Delegate authority to award the contract for carrying out the works detailed in the report to the Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment.

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 The County Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient primary and secondary school places for all children who need a place. In its strategic role as commissioner of school places, the County Council must respond to changes in demand over time by increasing or removing capacity. It discharges this duty in partnership with Diocesan authorities and other providers. In deciding the need for places it considers the capacities of existing schools and the forecast number on roll within a Locality (family group of schools).
- 1.2 School places need to be available to pupils for the start of each school year, with projects planned and delivered, wherever practicable, by the summer in the relevant year. The Basic Need requirements are reviewed annually to identify the next tranches of projects and to ensure planned projects are still required following reviews of the projection data of pupil numbers.

- 1.3 This report sets out the identified need for additional places at The Angmering School to accommodate the rise in pupil numbers in the Angmering area and to ensure effective organisation of the school.
- 1.4 The project has been procured utilising a two stage design and build approach with Stage One comprising the design fees and Stage Two being the works, furniture and equipment, fees, and information and communications technology (ICT) installation.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 The proposal is to expand The Angmering School. The expansion will enable the school to increase its admission number in September 2019 from 240 to 270 pupil places and provide the appropriate teaching accommodation.
- 2.2 To meet the needs of the increased number of pupils, the school requires:
- Science Laboratories
 - Dance Studio/dining extension
 - Art Rooms (allowing the removal of old temporary accommodation)
 - General teaching classrooms
 - Design Technology Rooms
 - Additional changing accommodation
 - Offices, toilets and storage
- 2.3 The proposed expansion will ensure that the County Council meets its statutory duty to provide sufficient secondary school places in the locality and meets its statutory responsibility with regard to the provision of school places in safe and properly maintained buildings.

3 Resources

- 3.1 The Capital Programme, approved by the County Council at its meeting on 15 December 2017, included a gross sum of £30,226,000 for new Basic Need Projects in 2018/19.
- 3.2 A contractor for Stage One, production of the costed design, was procured via a competitive tender. The anticipated cost of Stage One was £120,000 and this has already been funded from the monies the Cabinet Member approved for allocation to School Basic Need design fees (Decision reference ES06 (17/18)). The balance required to fund the completed design is £71,680. Competitive prices have now been sought from the main contractor for all of the packages of work required for this project. The County Council's Employer's Agent and Cost Manager have advised that a budget in the sum of £8,628,320 will be sufficient for the building works. Professional advice is to be sought on the design before works commence on site and a Clerk of Works is appointed so as to protect the Authority's interests. A gross budget for ICT and loose furniture and equipment and fees is required in the sum of £1,180,000.
- 3.3 The gross budget requirement to complete Stage Two of the project is, therefore, £9,880,000.

- 3.4 Given the wider funding position of the County Council it is no longer affordable to support Basic Need activity with corporate borrowing. All Basic Need works must therefore be contained within the envelope of available grant funding. The table below sets out notified and estimated grant over the life of the five-year programme, and commitments against it. Grant figures for 2018/19 and 2019/20 are actuals, while future years are estimates.

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21- 2022/23	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Basic Need Grant per Capital Programme	27.863	25.701	51.825	105.389
Previously committed	9.980	-	-	9.980
Decision report pending [ES06(18/19)]	11.580	-	-	11.580
Required for this scheme	5.072	4.708	0.100	9.880
Uncommitted	1.231	20.993	51.725	73.949

4 Consultation

- 4.1 The project has been designed and agreed in full consultation and agreement with the school.
- 4.2 The project has received planning approval.
- 4.3 The proposal has been discussed with the local Member representing Angmering and Findon who is supportive of the recommended way forward.
- 4.4 The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources has been consulted on this proposal.

5 Risk Management Implications

- 5.1 The County Council is under a statutory duty to secure safe and sufficient education provision within the area. This project will ensure that the County Council meets its statutory duty to provide sufficient secondary school places in the locality and meets its statutory responsibility with regard to the provision of school places in safe and properly maintained buildings.

6 Other Options Considered

- 6.1 One alternative is not to undertake the project. This would mean that the County Council cannot meet its statutory requirement to provide sufficient secondary school places in the area.
- 6.2 The second alternative considered was to provide the required additional accommodation utilising modular construction. This was discounted because the classrooms would not be linked to existing accommodation and the site area is insufficient to accommodate the required number of modular units.

7 Equality Duty

- 7.1 The proposal has been assessed against the criteria and, as it would not impact on any specific pupils or identifiable groups, this section is not applicable for this decision.

8 Social Value

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9 Crime and Disorder Act Implications

- 9.1 None.

10 Human Rights Implications

- 10.1 Everyone has the right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence under Article 8 of the Human Rights Act. The impact of any proposed changes on the right to family life will be taken into consideration. Article 2 of the First Protocol is the right to education. No person shall be denied the right to education. The proposals therefore support this right as school places will be available in the Angmering area for all children of secondary school age.

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Background Papers - None