

Agenda Item No: 8(h)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

21 February 2017

Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

ASHBOURNE PRIMARY REORGANISATION – (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for allocations for three projects to enable the implementation of a reorganisation of primary education in Ashbourne.

2. Information and Analysis

At its meeting on 24 May 2016, Cabinet approved a proposal to change the age range of Hill Top Infant School, St Oswald's Infant School and Park Side Junior School, Ashbourne, so that they all become primary schools from 2017. These proposals are part of strategic planning to enable an expansion of primary education within the town that may be required as a consequence of housing developments.

At the same meeting in May 2016, Cabinet approved the Children's Services Capital Programme for 2016-17. This included allocations of £50,000 to each of the three schools above to commence planning for the conversion to primary status. The detail of the schemes has now been developed and is as follows:

Hill Top Primary School

It is proposed to provide a two-classroom building, including toilets. The estimated cost of this scheme is £420,000.

St Oswald's Primary School

This school currently has sufficient capacity, so no extension is required but some remodelling of its main building and the creation of a MUGA is proposed so it can be used more efficiently as a primary school. Part of this remodelling addresses accessibility issues in order that the site meets DDA requirements; including the installation of an accessible toilet and a

ramp. It is estimated that these works will cost in the region of £40,000 and be chargeable to the SAI budget. There is already an allocation of £110,000 to rewire this building and it is proposed to combine both projects. The total project cost is £685,000.

Parkside Primary School

The school requires a one classroom extension and internal remodelling to provide additional toilets and external shelter. The cost of this scheme is estimated to be £760,000.

These schemes are contributing to the Authority's strategy for dealing with housing development in the area. As a consequence, these schemes will be largely funded by S106 contributions from developers when they are received. However, many of the developments are at a stage where contributions have not yet been received. The current S106 funding available is £174,785. £150,000 has already been allocated from Basic Need 2016/17.

The three schemes total £1,865,000.

St Oswald's	£685,000
Parkside	£760,000
Hill Top	£420,000
Total	£1,865,000

This is funded as follows:

Capital Programme Basic Need allocations 2016/17	£150,000
S106 funds received from developers	£174,785
2015/16 rewiring project at St Oswald's	£110,000
SAI allocation St Oswald's	£40,000
Total	£474,785

The balance of funding is £1,390,215 will initially be funded from the currently unallocated 2016/17 basic need (see below). The basic need funding from the authority will be reimbursed when S106 funding is received from developers. The details and proposed timelines of currently agreed S106 contributions are as follows:

Year	Amounts expected to be available from approved S106 agreements based on assumptions about housebuilding rates
Available as at Jan 17	£174,785
Available 2018/19	£210,604*
Available 2019/20	£216,581*
Available 2020/21	£535,753*

Total	£1,137,723
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*Not paid to DCC as yet and dependant on the development reaching the agreed trigger for payment

3. Financial Considerations

The funding from the SAI (£40,000) will be met from an identified underspend in the 2014/15 SAI allocation. The balance of £1,390,215 being met from the unallocated basic need allocation for 2016/17 which stands at £1,430,459 as reported to Cabinet in a separate paper to this meeting. The £1,390,215 required from the unallocated basic need leaves £40,244 to be subject of future reports. It is proposed that when receipts from agreed S106 monies not yet received (£962,938) are received, they be used to reimburse the original funding from the unallocated basic need monies.

4. Social Value Considerations

It is proposed that these works will be delivered by County Property and will not, therefore, be subject to an external procurement. This approach to project delivery has taken into account the Authority's Social Value Strategy. The choice of County Property to deliver these projects reflects the potential for social value including contributions to Outcome 1 (strong local economy) and Outcome 2 (a skilled and confident workforce). Particular benefits in these areas relate to: workforce development through apprenticeships, payment of the living wage and spend with suppliers within the local economy. The social value created by this and other projects delivered by County Property will be reported separately to Cabinet.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, legal & human rights, human resources, property and transport considerations.

6. Key Decision Yes

7. Call In

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in the report? No

8. Background Papers

These are held on file in the Children's Services Development Section.

9. Officer Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the following projects for the works detailed above
- Hill Top: £420,000, Parkside: £760,000 and St Oswald's: £685,000,
totalling £1,865,000.

That Cabinet approves the release of existing S106 monies of £174,785 towards the funding of the projects and the following S106 funds be used to reimburse the Children's Services Capital Programme (2016/17 basic need or as appropriate at the time of receipt).

Hilltop	£389,204
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Parkside	£573,734
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Total	£962,938
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That Cabinet approves an allocation of £40,000 from an underspend in the 2014/15 School access initiative to be included in the project at St Oswald's set out above.

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