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## EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2001/02

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### Report of the Director of Education

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report seeks Cabinet's approval of a revised 2001/02 Capital Programme following notification of new grant funding since the original Capital Programme was set.

#### 2. Summary

- 2.1 The Supporting Information paper details new funding received and the allocation of resources within the programme as follows;
- a) Original approved programme (including carry forward from 2000/01) of £22.409 million
  - b) New funding from the Department for Education and Skills in respect of;
    - Schools Access Initiative 2001/02 - £348,000
    - Energy Efficiency Improvements - £448,400
    - Condition Focussed Capital - £35,247
  - c) Allocation of £140,000 from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund in respect of school security works
  - d) Director's Action taken in respect of mobile classrooms and health and safety works from the Minor Works and Condition Focussed Capital programmes

#### 3. Recommendations

##### 3.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- a) note the Directors Action taken in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Education and Life Long Learning in respect of;
  - Schools Access Initiative
  - Condition Focussed Capital – health and safety works
  - Minor Works – mobile classrooms
- b) note the additional Capital allocations from the DfES; and

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- c) approve the revised capital programme of £23.031 million as set out in the Supporting Information/Appendix A.

#### **4. Financial and legal Implications**

##### **Financial implications**

- 4.1 The financial implications of the proposed revision to the capital programme are as follows;
  - a) the new allocations from the Department for Education and Skills are 100% funded from external grant
  - b) the allocation of Neighbourhood Renewal Funds has previously been approved by Cabinet

##### **Legal Implications**

- 4.2 There are no specific implications arising from the report

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 This report and Appendix A (attached) detail the revised programme for the Education Department Capital Programme for the financial year 2001/02 including new funding received and allocations within the programme.

**2. REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

2.1 The current forecast level of capital expenditure is £23.031 million compared to the approved programme of £21.101 million, as follows;

|                           | <b>£000's</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Current Capital Programme | 21,101        |
| 2000/01 Carry Forward     | 1,308         |
| Additions                 | 972           |
| Re-programming            | (350)         |
| Under/Overspends          |               |
| Revised Forecast          | 23,031        |

The reasons for the changes subsequent to the setting of the capital programme are detailed below and summarised in Appendix A.

**Schools Access Initiative 2001/02**

- 2.2 **The Authority has been granted an additional £348,000 by the DfES to improve access to mainstream schools for pupils with special needs. In order that works could be carried out before September 2001 admissions, a total of £259,000 has been approved to date using Director's Action in consultation with the Cabinet Lead member. The balance will be used for schemes at schools to comply with Disability Discrimination Act Regulations.**

### **Energy Efficiency Improvements**

- 2.3 The Authority has been awarded a grant of £448,400 by the DfES under the New Deal for Schools funding arrangements to carry out works to improve the energy efficiency of schools. The aim of the project is to achieve major revenue savings for schools in future energy costs. The implementation of the project will be co-ordinated and results monitored by the Environment & Development's Energy Management section.

### **Minor Works – Neighbourhood Renewal Fund**

- 2.4 Following a project proposal in respect of additional security works for schools, Cabinet has approved funding of up to £140,000 from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. The funds will be used to provide such improvements as CCTV, external lighting and fencing.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE - ACCOMMODATION**

- 2.5 Cabinet has recently approved expenditure of £70,000 from the Education Minor Works budget for refurbishment for a building on Queens Park Way. This was to house the Key Stage 4 exclusions team. Structural surveys have now revealed that major expenditure is required to carry out the necessary adaptations. For this reason alternative sites have been inspected and as a result these funds have been utilised at the former Manorbrooke School and the lodge at 495 Welford Road to achieve the same ends.

### **Minor Works Programme Mobiles**

- 2.6 Director's Action has been taken so that the following works could be commissioned from the minor works allocation:
- Mayflower Primary School; the installation of a single mobile classroom.
  - Soar Valley College; an existing mobile transferred to St. Barnabas Primary.
  - New College; a double mobile currently on hire transferred to Sir Jonathan North School.
  - Queensmead Junior School; the purchase and installation of a double mobile classroom.

## Condition Focussed Capital

- 2.7 Director's Action has been taken so that the following urgent health and safety works could be commissioned from Condition Focussed Capital:
- Heatherbrook Primary School; refurbishment of existing mobile classrooms prior to commencement of the Autumn Term.
  - Uplands Junior School; demolition of a toilet block.
  - Soar Valley Community College; two double mobile classrooms had to be demolished.
  - Linden Primary School; two single mobile classrooms had to be demolished.
  - Hazel Primary School; phase 2 works to upgrade the building to a satisfactory standard.
  - Woodstock Primary School and Forest Lodge Primary School; refurbishment works in the boys and girls toilets to achieve health and safety standards.
- 2.8 The DfES has announced an increase in the allocation of Condition Focussed Capital for 2001/2002 due to the satisfactory progress of the authority's Asset Management Plan and this will increase this year's programme by £35,247.

## 3. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

### Financial Implications.

- 3.1 The approved Education capital programme for 2001/02 is £21,101,000 and the reprogramming identified in this report, if approved, will lead to additional capital expenditure of £1,930,000 in the financial year.

### Legal Implications

- 3.2 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

### Other Implications

| OTHER IMPLICATIONS            | YES/NO | Paragraph References within this report |
|-------------------------------|--------|---|
| School Improvement            | YES    | 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7,2.8.            |
| Equal Opportunities           | YES    | 2.2, 2.5                                |
| Policy                        | NO     |   |
| Sustainable and Environmental | NO     |   |
| Crime and Disorder            | NO     |   |

**4. BACKGROUND PAPERS – Local Government Act 1972**

- Education and Life Long Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Capital Programme 2000/01 Paper – 7 February 2001
- Education and Life Long Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Capital Outturn 2000/01 Paper – 22 August 2001

**5. CONSULTATIONS**

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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2001/02

### SUMMARY POSITION STATEMENT - AS AT PERIOD 3/01

| PROJECT TITLE                  | APPROVED PROGRAMME | REVISED PROGRAMME |                   | FORECAST OUTTURN | SPEND TO DATE | EST. RETENTION | + / - SPEND |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
|                                | £ '000             | 2001/02<br>£ '000 | 2002/03<br>£ '000 | £ '000           | £ '000        | £ '000         | £ '000      |
| Secondary Review               | 12,978             | 13,762            | 2,975             | 13,762           | 2,280         | 0              | 0           |
| Minor Works                    | 801                | 980               | 0                 | 630              | 26            | 350            | 0           |
| Feasibility                    | 0                  | 6                 | 0                 | 6                | 0             | 0              | 0           |
| New Deal 3/CFC                 | 1,473              | 1,586             | 0                 | 1,586            | 191           | 0              | 0           |
| Class Size Reduction           | 27                 | 31                | 0                 | 31               | 1             | 0              | 0           |
| Devolved Formula Grant         | 2,334              | 2,529             | 0                 | 2,529            | 0             | 0              | 0           |
| Seed Challenge Grant           | 221                | 221               | 0                 | 221              | 0             | 0              | 0           |
| School Laboratories            | 299                | 325               | 0                 | 325              | 132           | 0              | 0           |
| Early Years Nurseries          | 0                  | 2                 | 0                 | 2                | 1             | 0              | 0           |
| Schools Access Initiative 00/1 | 0                  | 83                | 0                 | 83               | 2             | 0              | 0           |
| Schools Access Initiative 01/2 | 0                  | 349               | 0                 | 349              | 0             | 0              | 0           |
| City Learning Centres          | 2,300              | 2,347             | 0                 | 2,347            | 169           | 0              | 0           |
| UK Online Centres              | 0                  | 7                 | 0                 | 7                | 1             | 0              | 0           |
| Extra Nursery Support          | 0                  | 2                 | 0                 | 2                | 2             | 0              | 0           |
| Condition Focussed Capital     | 468                | 503               | 0                 | 503              | 0             | 0              | 0           |
| Highfields Y & C Centre        | 200                | 200               | 0                 | 200              | 0             | 0              | 0           |
| Energy Efficiency/NDS3         | 0                  | 448               | 0                 | 448              | 0             | 0              | 0           |
| <b>COMMITTEE TOTAL</b>         | <b>21,101</b>      | <b>23,381</b>     | <b>2,975</b>      | <b>23,031</b>    | <b>2,804</b>  | <b>350</b>     | <b>0</b>    |