



Leicester
City Council

Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet

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EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04 AND FUTURE YEARS

Report of the Corporate Director for Education and Lifelong Learning

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the capital allocations made available by the DfES for 2003-04 and to update the proposals for the Education and Lifelong Learning Department for 2003-04 and subsequent years.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members received a report in February 2003 detailing expenditure to Period 8 and outlining the proposed capital programme for 2003-04 and subsequent years. Since that report was prepared the Government has confirmed the Capital Settlement for 2003-04.

- 2.2 The Government continues to make available significant additional funds for the repair and modernisation of school buildings. The allocations that can be regarded as the 'core funding', i.e. those funds not allocated for specific projects, are summarised below;

<u>Funding Description</u>	<u>Allocation (£000's)</u>	
	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2003/04</u>
<u>Schools</u>		
Devolved Capital to Schools	2,410	3,824
Condition Focussed	2,368	3,017
Modernisation Fund	1,343	2,413
Seed Challenge Capital	373	374
Schools Access Initiative	428	638
Basic Voluntary Aided Programme	149	171
Nurseries Capital	130	130
Staff Workspaces	76	156
School Security	55	0
<u>Other</u>		
Minor Works (City Council)	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>7,532</u>	<u>10,923</u>

The allocations for 2003/04 represent an increase of 45% from 2002/03. Over 1/3 of the core capital funding is now devolved directly to schools.

- 2.3 In addition to the core capital funding noted above, additional funding for specific projects or programmes has been confirmed as follows;

<u>Funding Description</u>	<u>Allocation (£000's)</u>
	<u>2003/04</u>
<u>Schools</u>	
City Learning Centres	300,000
Section 106 contribution – Hamilton Sports Hall	380,000
New Opportunity Fund – P.E. & Sports Projects	3,965,000
Expanding Popular Schools	248,000
Basic Need Allocation	
additional school places (£4,255,000 over 3 years)	1,489,000
<u>Lifelong Learning</u>	
Learning & Skills Council - Disability Access Works	214,000
Contribution to 'Peepul Centre'	260,000
<u>Libraries</u>	
Braunstone Library & Resource Centre	3,000,000

- 2.4 The agreed priorities for capital investment in schools are set out in the Schools Asset Management Plan which was reported to Cabinet in November 2002. The proposals for the detailed allocation of funds will be formulated when the base data that informs these proposals has been collected and updated.

The three key sets of data are;

Sufficiency information – a comparison of the capacity of accommodation in each school with the expected demand for places.

Suitability information – how well the accommodation meets the needs of pupils and teachers.

Condition information – the repairs backlog for each school.

- 2.5 It is expected that the data collection will be completed towards the end of March and it is proposed to consult schools on the detail of the capital programme through the Schools Forum in April 2003, after which Cabinet and Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee will receive the detailed programme. If the expenditure of funds provided by Government is to be committed in a timely manner, however, authority to proceed with the initial implementation of a detailed programme would need to be delegated to the Corporate Director, to act in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Education and Lifelong Learning.

3. SUMMARY

- 3.1 Appendix A shows the current total Departmental Capital Programme for the next 3 years to be as follows;
- 2003/04 - £21,529,600
 - 2004/05 - £16,179,900
 - 2005/06 - £1,748,100

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the issues contained within the report and supporting information and make any observations to Cabinet.

4.2 Cabinet is recommended to:

- i) Note the capital allocations made available by the Government;
- ii) Approve the additions to the capital programme as detailed in 2.2 and 2.3 above.
- iii) Approve the revised level of programmed expenditure as detailed in 3.1 and in Appendix A.
- iv) Authorise the Corporate Director for Education and Lifelong Learning to implement the initial programme in consultation with the Schools Forum and the Cabinet Lead for Education and Lifelong Learning.
- v) Note that members will receive detailed proposals for the capital programme at the earliest opportunity.

5. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report is concerned solely with financial issues. There are no legal implications.

Other Implications	Yes / No	Paragraph referred
Equal Opportunities	Yes	2.3
Policy	No	-
Sustainable & Environmental	No	-
Crime & Disorder	No	-
Human Rights Act	No	-
Elderly People / People on Low Income	No	-

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS – Local Government Act 1972

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Capital Programme 2002/03 Period 8 Monitoring Paper – 10 February 2003

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Capital Programme 2002/03 Period 8 Monitoring Paper – 19 March 2003

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)

APPENDIX A

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING - CAPITAL PROGRAMME

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FINANCE	2003/04 £ 000's	2004/05 £ 000's	2005/06 £ 000's
SECONDARY REVIEW	CR / CG / SCRC/SCA	1,236.4	4,038.0	701.0
MINOR WORKS	CR	275.0	225.0	200.0
SCHOOLS ACCESS INITIATIVE 02/03	SCA	248.5		
SCHOOLS ACCESS INITIATIVE 03/04	SCP	400.0	188.0	
SEED CHALLENGE GRANT	CG	200.0	173.0	
DEVOLVED FORMULA CAPITAL	CG	2,715.3	3,481.0	
EARLY YEARS NURSERIES	CG	235.6	25.0	
CITY LEARNING CENTRES	CG	250.0	200.0	
SPACE FOR SPORTS AND ARTS	CG	476.0		
N.O.F. SPORTS PROJECTS	CG	965.0	3,481.9	209.1
HAMILTON SPORTS HALL	CR/CG/ SCP/PC	812.5	47.5	
SCHOOL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS / MAINTENANCE / MODERNISATION	CG / SCA	7,380.4	633.5	
HIGHFIELDS YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE	CR / CG	2,599.0	122.0	
SCHOOL STAFF WORKSPACES	CG	231.9		
BASIC NEED ALLOCATION	SCP	752.0	2,565.0	638.0
EXPANDING POPULAR SCHOOLS	SCP	248.0		
DISABLED ACCESS - ADULT & COMMUNITY	CG	214.0		
CONTRIBUTION TO 'PEEPUL' CENTRE	CR	260.0		
BRAUNSTONE LIBRARY PROJECT	CG	2,000.0	1,000.0	
HAMILTON LIBRARY PROJECT	CR	30.0		
TOTAL PROGRAMME		£21,529.6	£16,179.9	£1,748.1
<u>N.B. - KEY TO SOURCES OF FINANCE :-</u>	CR	CORPORATE RESOURCES		
	CG	CAPITAL GRANTS		
	SCA	SUPPLEMENTARY CREDIT APPROVAL		
	SCP	SINGLE CAPITAL POT		
	SCRC	SERVICE COMMITTEE REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS		
	PC	PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION		