

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	11th April 2012	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	Capital Project Approval & Updates to the Capital Programme	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report presents for full approval Capital Projects which at the time of the budget report were included for Provisional Approval subject to outstanding actions being completed.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that:

- 2.1 Capital Project – **Lansdown Tuition Centre Dilapidations**; is approved for inclusion in the 2012/13 Capital Programme.
- 2.2 Capital Project – **Culverhay School Co Educational Adaptations**; is approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme; currently included for provisional approval subject to full project plan which has now been presented to Project Initiation & Deliverability Group (PIDG) and Capital Strategy Group (CSG)
- 2.3 Capital Project – **Adult PSS (Personal Social Services) Capital Grant**; is approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme; currently included for provisional approval subject to full project plan and business case which has now been presented to Project Initiation & Deliverability Group (PIDG) and Capital Strategy Group (CSG)

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 **Lansdown Tuition Centre Dilapidations** works will cost £58k in 2012/13 and will be funded using part of the £2.255m Schools Capital Maintenance Grant 2011/12, which has been carried forward to 2012/13 in the budget report for provisional approval. The property has been vacated and will therefore require no further expenditure.
- 3.2 **Culverhay School Co Educational Adaptations** works will cost the Council £300k and will be funded from revenue budget contingency as approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 14th July 2012.
- 3.3 **Adult PSS (Personal Social Services) Capital Grant** allocation was £379k in 2011/12 & £387k in 2012/13. This approval allocates £267k in 2011/12 and £275k in 2012/13 across the Council's community equipment budgets and affordable housing budgets to reduce the contribution required by the Council. The balance of £112k in both 11/12 & 12/13 is being considered for use against various IT projects to support changes to the care infrastructure.

4 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone
- Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live
- Building a stronger economy

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 **Lansdown Tuition Centre** was previously used as a Pupil Referral Unit by the Behavioural Support Service and was leased by the Council. The building is no longer required by the service and under the terms of the lease the Council must meet the costs of any necessary refurbishment.
- 5.2 **Culverhay adaptations** are to enable girls to attend the school from September 2012 as part of its change to a sponsored academy in partnership with the Cabot Learning Foundation (CLF).
- 5.3 **The Adult PSS Grant** will provide capital investment to support delivery of adult social care services and the development of community capacity. Feedback from the local government sector indicates that priorities for investment are:

Innovative alternatives to residential care - supported housing and living (for younger adults) and Extra Care Housing (for older people) which can help people live in the most appropriate accommodation via a range of housing options for differing levels of need and lifestyle.

Alternatives to residential care via community based services investment – specifically the provision of equipment and minor adaptations can help ensure timely discharge from hospital, and reduce the risk of emergency admissions from falls. A strategic shift towards supporting more people to live independently in their own homes has resulted in increased demand and additional resources are required to support this shift and to continue to provide a professional and responsive service. This underpins the aim to enable people to remain in their own

homes for as long as possible, efficiently and demonstrating choice and independence. Preventing people's needs from escalating will help to delay people's need for intensive care packages, and reduce the costs of social care for individuals at risk of increasing levels of dependency.

Care infrastructure - Assessment and Care management is 'lean' so that contact with users is maximised. Technologies are being investigated that will allow the way information is accessed, collected, analysed and used so that people are at the heart of health and adult social care services. There will be practical issues to address in regard to information sharing across services, which will impact on the content of the care record, and the structure of messaging. There will be a need to ensure interoperability of infrastructure across services and systems, particularly Mental Health Services. Information and efficient processes underpin the efficiency and personalisation agenda.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Each capital project will maintain its own risk register. These risks have been reviewed by Project Initiation and Deliverability Group and Capital Strategy Group.

7 EQUALITIES

Lansdown Tuition Centre Dilapidations - An EqIA has not been completed as this project is only concerned with the Council meeting its obligations regarding the condition of the property.

Culverhay adaptations has not had an EqIA completed for this report but a full assessment was carried and considered by Cabinet as part of the decision making process on the future of Culverhay School.

Adult PSS Capital Grant – A formal EqIA has not been completed however equalities considerations have been taken throughout the process of identifying necessary spend against this grant. Advice has also been taken from relevant officers within Adult Social Services & Housing and it is considered that all three proposals will have a significant positive impact on individuals and communities from several of the equality strands including older people and people with disabilities.

Overall there are no impacts on groups with protected characteristics.

8 RATIONALE

- 8.1 These projects require full approval as they are priorities for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

In the case of Culverhay this reflects the Cabinet's previous decision on the future of Culverhay School.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 As part of the PIDG review each project highlights which options they have considered. These options have been scrutinised by PIDG and CSG.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation on the specific projects has been carried out with the lead Cabinet Members, Strategic Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, other B&NES services and external parties where appropriate.

10.2 Consultation on proposed co-ed adaptations has been carried out with CLF and Culverhay staff and governors.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 This report is of a corporate nature however some Capital Project presented for approval may require consideration of other issues including but not limited to; Social Inclusion, Customer Focus, Sustainability, Human Resources, Property, Young People, Impact on Staff.

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>Budget Report – Capital Programme</i> <i>Budget Management Scheme</i>
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