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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Following reports that have been provided to cabinet in the past approval is requested for commitment of budget and inclusion in the 2014-15 education capital programme of specific capital schemes

2 RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is asked to:

- 2.1 Approve for inclusion in the 2014-15 Capital Programme, 2014-15 and 2015-16 Basic Need funding totalling £1,102,000, 2014-15 Capital Maintenance funding of £810,000 and S106 of £42,000 at Bishop Sutton Primary School to meet statutory requirements for pupil places.
- 2.2 Approve for inclusion in the 2015-16 Capital Programme, 2015-16 Capital Maintenance funding of £100,000 at St Marys Primary School, Writhlington to replace and expand a poor condition temporary classroom block.
- 2.3 Approve for inclusion in the 2015-16 Capital Programme Basic Need funding of £394,258 at Weston All Saints Primary School to meet the extra cost arising from delays in the planning process.
- 2.4 Approve for inclusion in the 2014-15 Capital Programme Basic Need funding of £74,000 for St Saviours Infant School to enable it to accommodate a bulge year from September 2014.

- 2.5 Approve for inclusion in the 2014-15 Capital Programme, Capital Maintenance funding of £90,000 for Chandag Infants School for works arising from the UIFSM statutory requirements.
- 2.6 Approve for inclusion in the 2014-15 Capital Programme, funding of £142,000 from 2013-14 capital programme savings for the replacement of classroom block at Chew Magna Primary School.
- 2.7 Approve for inclusion in the 2014-15 Capital Programme, £68,000 from the 2013-14 capital programme savings, £130,000 from the remainder of the unallocated £500,000 earmarked funding and £52,000 from 2014-15 Maintenance grant totalling £250,000 for phase 2 works at Southdown Primary School.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 Children's Services receive grant funding under two main headings: Capital Maintenance and Basic Need. Developer contributions (s106) linked to specific areas are also available. The uncommitted balance of the 2014-15 Capital Maintenance Grant of £1,976,664 is £1,731,273. There is an uncommitted balance of £713,373 from the Basic Need grant for 2014-15 of £1,320,826 and a further £6,375,404 of Basic Need funding has been allocated for 2015-16. There is also approximately £210,000 of savings from schemes in the 2013-14 capital programme available for re-allocation.
- 3.2 The recommendations in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 above would commit £1,570,258 from the Basic Need grant balance and £1,052,000 from the Capital Maintenance grant balance, leaving amounts of £5,518,519 and £679,273 respectively available for allocation to other projects. These projects will be brought forward through the capital approval process as plans are developed

3.3 The table below sets out the amounts being recommended for approval for each scheme and the sources of funding

| | Basic Need Grant | Capital Maintenance Grant | Other Sources of Funding including s106 and virements from other schemes | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------|
| 2014-15 Unallocated | 713,373 | 1,731,273 | | |
| 2015-16 | 6,375,404 | | | |
| | 7,088,777 | 1,731,273 | | |
| Bishop Sutton | 1,102,000 | 810,000 | 42,000 | 1,954,000 |
| St Marys Writhlington | 0 | 100,000 | 0 | 100,000 |
| WASPS | 394,258 | | 0 | 394,258 |
| St Saviours | 74,000 | | 0 | 74,000 |
| Chandag | 0 | 90,000 | 0 | 90,000 |
| Chew Magna | 0 | | 142,000 | 142,000 |
| Southdown | | 52,000 | 198,000 | 250,000 |
| | 1,570,258 | 1,052,000 | 382,000 | 3,004,258 |
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| Balance | 5,518,519 | 679,273 | | |

3.4 The DfE capital allocations are non ringfenced grant funding to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duties to ensure sufficient pupil places and to remedy worst condition school buildings. There are no borrowing requirements or revenue implications for the Council.

3.5 The remaining resources form part of future plans that will be presented to cabinet in the February meeting.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

4.1 Relevant considerations: the Councils statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of pupil places, Children and Young People, Social Inclusion, Impact on staff, Property, Planning.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 As identified in para 3.2 and 3.3 there is funding available in the Children Services. Many of these schemes have been allowed for in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 capital programme and budgets accounted for. Details of the projects are as below:
- 5.2 Bishop Sutton Primary School – Housing development in the village has resulted in extra pupils requiring 60 extra school places by September 2016. The developments are in the immediate vicinity of the school, the school is the only one in the village; and other primary schools in the Chew Valley area are more than 2 miles away. There are considerable technical difficulties with providing the extra accommodation because of the complexities and constraints of the site. The major issues are an undersized site, very undersized team games courts; the 1.5 metre level difference to the playing field and a single and double block of temporary classrooms impeding any development. The expansion of the school will result in an all through primary school with 7 classrooms which the Governors fully support, and have also contributed greatly to the initial design development work. This has resulted in a coordinated well designed scheme for a 5 classroom block that meets the Basic Need statutory requirements, removes two blocks of poor condition classrooms as well as some internal improvements to the management and organisation of existing teaching space. An allocation of £1,954,000 from 2014-15 and 2015-16 BN Grant, 2014-15 Capital Maintenance Grant and S106 is required.
- 5.3 St Marys CEVC Primary School, Writhlington – An elderly temporary double building in poor condition and a continuing liability for repairs and maintenance as various building elements fail, houses the foundation stage to the school. It is planned to replace with a double temporary classroom block from Weston All Saints Primary which will become vacant pending completion of the new build in summer 2015. We will also expand the building so that the school has some future proofing capacity against proposed housing development in the vicinity of the school. Budget allows for the demolition of the existing building, installation and expansion of the new building. Included in the budget is a risk allowance for asbestos and potential service upgrades. An allocation of £100,000 from 2014-15 maintenance grant is required.
- 5.4 Weston All Saints CEVC Primary School – Extra budget of is required for the KS1 block. Factors such as delayed granting of planning permission for the new KS1 block resulted in expiry of tenders which then required repricing, UIFSM generated costs and contingency replenishment. An allocation of £394,258 from BN 2014-15 is required.
- 5.5 St Saviours CEVC Infant School – As a result of local demand for reception places in the area, the school took a bulge class of reception pupils in 2011, and were asked to do the same for September 2014. Various works to improve the ability of the school to organise and manage the bulge class including safer pedestrian access to the site, improved play areas, extra IT equipment were required. An allocation of £74,000 from BN 2014-15 is required.
- 5.6 Chandag Infant School – The statutory requirements of UIFSM meant the kitchen at Chandag Infants needed enlargement and reequipping. This in turn

required the replacement of a small SEN/small group/FT area which had been created in part of the kitchen some years ago. The school is very constrained with virtually no storage areas and no dedicated small group spaces which are now an essential part of effective curriculum delivery. These are to be provided by a small modular building which will permit whole school use. An allocation of £90,000 is required and is to be funded from 2014-15 Capital Maintenance

- 5.7 Chew Magna CEVC Primary School – Following the flooding of a double classroom block, an initial estimated budget of £208,000 of 2-12-13 Capital Maintenance was agreed in 2013. Planning issues resulted in delays and tenders exceeding the budget. Although savings have been taken together with a school contribution, further budget of £142,000 is required. It is proposed to fund from part of the £210,000 identified savings from the 2013-14 capital programme.
- 5.8 Southdown Primary School – A programme of improvement works were identified at the school to enable it to resolve issues arising from Ofsted findings. An initial budget of £150,000 was approved from the £500k earmarked for improvement projects in July cabinet for Phase 1 internal works which were completed in the summer holidays. The provision of accessible link (ramp and steps) is costly so further funding of £250,000 is now sought, plus extra works to improve access and security to the sites, security works in the junior school and complete reception remodelling works. It is proposed to fund £68,000 from the 2013-14 capital programme savings, £130,000 from the remainder of the unallocated £500,000 earmarked funding and £52,000 from 2014-15 Maintenance grant.
- 5.9 All of these schemes have either been considered or are timetabled for consideration by Capital Strategy Group.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 The projects proposed in this report are in line with the intended purpose of DfE capital funding; are priorities in the Schools Capital Programme that ensure the Council meets its statutory duty for pupil places, meets AMP priorities of worst condition elements that reduce long term liabilities in the school estate, and that overall strategic planning is embedded.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 The identified priorities result from detailed strategic planning of deficiencies in the school estate to provide sufficient pupil places and address AMP requirements.

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Cabinet Member, Section 151 Officer, Strategic Director, Monitoring Officer, Children Service and Corporate Finance officers.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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