

Report to: **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL**

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Subject: **EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Report Summary: This report advises members of the Panel with an overview and updated position with the Council's Education Capital Programme and seeks approval of the recommendations as set out in the report.

Recommendations: Panel is requested to recommend to Executive Cabinet

- (i) The proposed changes of (£728,800) to and re-profiling of (£11,500,000) the Basic Need Funding as detailed in **Appendix 1**.
- (ii) The proposed changes of (£8,160) to and re-profiling of (£150,000) the School Condition Funding as detailed in **Appendix 2**.
- (iii) The proposed changes of £316,000 to the Special Provision Funding as detailed in **Appendix 3**.
- (iv) The proposed changes of £264,800 to the High Needs Provision Funding as detailed in **Appendix 5**.
- (v) The additional £72,757 Devolved Formula Capital is added to the Capital Programme as discussed in paragraph 2.11.
- (vi) A revised approach to presenting the information to assist the Panel in monitoring the Education Capital Programme to understand progress and variations as set out in draft format at **Appendix 6**, which will replace all other appendices going forward.

Corporate Plan: The proposals contained in this report will support the delivery of the Corporate Plan.

Financial Implications: Capital Investment in Education requires careful prioritisation of limited resources, particularly in respect of School Condition works. Any cost pressures arising as a result of Covid-19 or other factors will increase the resources needed to deliver the approved programme. Whilst the Education Capital Programme is fully grant funded, any cost increases will reduce the level of already scarce resources available for other priority schemes. We are already seeing examples of the cost of building materials increasing. These increases have not been factored into the cost of schemes at this stage with the exception of the scheme at paragraph 3.23 where the details of the specific cost increases have been received. This will need

(Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)

to be closely monitored across all schemes.

Section 2 of this report details the grant funding available, high level information on the proposed changes to schemes and unallocated funding for each of the grant funding streams.

Appendices 1 to 5 include details of grant allocated to schemes, which have been previously approved and are included in the Council's capital programme. These appendices identify the proposed changes and re-profiling to the schemes.

The allocation of School Condition funding should be spent within the financial year to which it relates to otherwise there is a risk that the amount will need to be returned to government.

Proposals are made within the report to fully utilise the balance of Special Provision funding and utilise some of the High Needs Provision funding in place of Basic Need funding. This ensures best use of resources. The proposals are included in **Appendix 3** and **Appendix 5**.

Work needs to be undertaken to establish how best to utilise the unallocated High Needs Provision Capital funding.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

This report is intended to provide Members with an overview of the capital programme and to monitor that the funding is being spent appropriately in order to deliver best value.

The report also sets out how various funding streams are being allocated for use in accordance with statutory requirements.

No decisions are being sought in relation to the projects which are subject to their own due diligence, governance and decisions making. The report does need to set out whether matters are resolved how that has been achieved without increasing liability for the council eg paras 3.5 and 3.6.

It should be noted following concerns raised by both Cabinet and the Panel that the Finance team have produced **Appendix 6** to simplify the information within the report to one spreadsheet to understand if projects on time and budget together with any variations and how arisen together with governance for variations. This is particularly important to demonstrate value for money within the challenging financial budget.

Risk Management:

That the risks highlighted in Section 8 of the report are noted. The Council has a statutory duty under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996, to secure sufficient and suitable places for pupils in primary and secondary schools in its area. Failure to deliver sufficient school capacity places the Council in breach of its statutory duties.

Background Information:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Malcolm Simpkin, Principal Capital Projects Manager.



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the latest position with the Council's Education Capital Programme and seeks recommendation for approval of various proposals in line with Council priorities.
 - 1.2. The Council's powers to provide and maintain educational facilities are set out in the Education Act 1996. The Council also has a statutory duty under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996, to secure sufficient and suitable places for pupils in primary and secondary schools in its area.
 - 1.3. The government allocates funding for school buildings under a number of categories and these are described in Section 2 of this report.
 - 1.4. Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel (SPCMP) is requested to note the content of the report and to make recommendations to Executive Cabinet in respect of the proposed allocation of funding.
- 1.1 The RAG ratings are defined as follows:

Green	Scheme is on time to deliver to the original timescale AND Scheme will be within the Authorised Budget.
Amber	Scheme will be later than original timescale AND/OR Scheme will not be delivered within the original approved budget but additional funding has been made available.
Red	Scheme will be later than original timescale and will impact on Council/School service delivery AND/OR Scheme is over budget and presents a risk to the council finances and/or ability to deliver other priorities.
Blue	Scheme Completed.

2. FUNDING AND FINANCIAL POSITION

- 2.1. The government allocates ring-fenced capital grant funding for school buildings under the following main categories:

Basic Need Funding

Basic Need Funding is allocated to each local authority to create new places in schools. The table below sets out the amount of Basic Need Funding held by the Council. Full details of existing and proposed schemes are set out in **Appendix 1**.

	Amount £
Basic Need Funding	
Funding Brought Forward	9,020,542
2021/22 Allocation	12,231,816
2022/23 Allocation	6,348,338
Total Funding Available	27,600,696
Approved Schemes	10,902,507
Hawthorns Provisionally Approved**	12,462,200
Proposed Changes	(728,800)
Unallocated Funding	4,964,789

** Please refer to paragraph 2.4 for further information

- 2.2. Plans will be developed with schools to utilise the unallocated funds to provide additional capacity requirements.

- 2.3. In terms of proposed changes we are seeking to utilise funding in the most effective way. Therefore at **Appendix 1**, it is proposed the Special Provision and High Needs Provision grants are used to support the Special Provision projects for Hawthorns, Oakfield Primary & Greenside Primary.
- 2.4. Approval was sought at Executive Cabinet in June 2021 for the expansion and relocation of Hawthorns School, the budget requested is £13m. As part of the report approval was requested to progress to RIBA Stage 3 at a cost of £537,800. Approval was given to progress but further information is required relating to the revenue implications, therefore at this stage only the RIBA Stage 3 costs have been included in the approved budget at **Appendix 1**.

School Condition Grant Funding

- 2.5. This grant is allocated for the maintenance of school buildings. The funding is part formulaic (based on pupil numbers) and part reflecting recent condition surveys conducted by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).
- 2.6. The table below sets out the amount of School Condition Allocation available to spend. Full details of existing and proposed schemes are set out in **Appendix 2**.

School Condition Allocation (SCA) Funding	Amount £
Funding Brought Forward	1,496,679
2021/22 Allocation	1,328,013
Total Funding Available	2,824,692
Approved Schemes	2,640,973
Proposed Changes	(8,160)
Unallocated Funding	191,879

- 2.7. The Schools Forum agreed a contribution protocol for schools condition works that was implemented from 1 October 2020. The protocol asks for a contribution towards all school condition schemes. The contributions are £10,000 for primary schools and £25,000 for secondary schools. This will ensure that the limited School Condition Funding received from central government can be maximised.
- 2.8. Schools will contribute towards all school condition schemes. Discussions will be held with schools to confirm their contributions and how they plan to finance it. This will then replace the school condition funding requested for those schools. This relates to the following schools:
- Audenshaw Primary School
 - Broadbent Fold
 - Fairfield Primary School
 - Gee Cross Holy Trinity
 - Gorse Hall Primary School
 - Hurst Knoll
 - Stalyhill Infants School

Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) Funding

- 2.9. Devolved Formula Capital is direct funding for individual schools to maintain their buildings and fund small-scale capital projects. It is calculated on a formulaic basis, using the school census data set and schools make their own arrangements for works to be undertaken.
- 2.10. The DFE has now provided the actual allocations. The funding for Tameside schools in

2021/22 is £337,001 and £174,553 for Voluntary Aided schools. The maintained allocation is £72,757 more than originally announced as there were five schools that currently have academy orders in place but have not yet converted.

Special Provision Fund

- 2.11. The Special Provision Fund allocations support local authorities to make capital investments in provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. Local authorities can invest in new places and improvements to facilities for pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans in mainstream and special schools, nurseries, colleges and other provision. The funding is not ring-fenced, so local authorities can make the best decisions for their areas.
- 2.12. The table below sets out the amount of School Condition Allocation available to spend. Full details of existing and proposed schemes are set out in **Appendix 3**.

Special Provision Allocation Funding	Amount £
Funding Brought Forward	997,407
Approved Schemes	681,342
Proposed Changes	316,000
Unallocated Funding	66

- 2.13. In relation to the proposed changes we are seeking to utilise funding in the most effective way. Therefore at **Appendix 3**, it is proposed the Special Provision grant is used to support the Special Provision projects for Hawthorns, Oakfield Primary & Greenside Primary.

High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA)

- 2.14. The High Needs Provision Capital Allocation is provided to local authorities as a non-ringfenced grant and is intended to address the need for high need places for the academic year 2022/23. However, it is not time-bound and it will be for local authorities to determine how to best use this funding to meet local priorities.
- 2.15. On 9 April 2021, the Government announced an allocation for Tameside of £1,223,336 for 2021/22. Work is underway to establish how the funding can be utilised and an update will be included in future reports.
- 2.16. The table below sets out the amount of High Needs Provision Capital Allocation available to spend. Full details of existing and proposed schemes are set out in **Appendix 5**.

High Needs Provision Funding	Amount £
2021/22 Allocation	1,223,336
Proposed Changes	264,800
Unallocated Funding	958,536

- 2.17. In relation to the proposed changes we are seeking to utilise funding in the most effective way. Therefore, at **Appendix 5**, it is proposed the High Needs Provision grant is used to support the RIBA Stage 3 costs for the new Hawthorns scheme.

Section 106 Developer Contributions

- 2.18. Additional income intended to contribute towards the provision of additional school places is sometimes provided by developers as part of the planning conditions for new housing developments. These are known as Section 106 agreements. When housing estates are completed the payments become due and the Council is in receipt of several payments which have not as yet, been formally allocated to specific schemes.

- 2.19. There is currently £99,931 Section 106 monies remaining from the £491,007 that was approved by panel and subsequently endorsed by Executive Cabinet at the meetings in March 2020.
- 2.20. There has been Section 106 monies received from a developer of £59,370 (planning application number 11/00669/OUT). Discussions are being held as to how this can be best used to support schools within the development area.

3. BASIC NEED FUNDED SCHEMES 2020/21 AND BEYOND

- 3.1. **Appendix 1** provides a financial update with details of current Basic Need funded projects, including proposed changes to scheme funding.
- 3.2. The current focus of the Council's Basic Need programme is to complete the two remaining schemes at primary schools and create additional places in secondary and special schools where forecasts have indicated a need.
- 3.3. Schemes that have already been approved by the Panel and Executive Cabinet are continuing. The following paragraphs update the Panel on the position with these works.
- 3.4. **Alder High School: Dining pod and dining canopy. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works completed on schedule
Budget: Completed on budget
Remaining Issues: None
- 3.5. **Alder: Improvement to rear external steps. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Works now scheduled September - October 2021
Budget: £109,800 Approved
Remaining Issues: – Works progressing late. Tenders were sought later than envisaged because of protracted discussions with the PFI Co Lender over whether the works could proceed without a Deed of Variation being in place. This was resolved but not in time to meet the original programme.
- 3.6. **Alder: Link covered walkway between main school and new 4-classroom block. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Works now scheduled September - November 2021
Budget: £144,125 Approved
Remaining Issues: – Works progressing late. Tenders were sought later than envisaged because of protracted discussions with the PFI Co Lender over whether the works could proceed without a Deed of Variation being in place. This was resolved but not in time to meet the original programme.
- 3.7. **Alder: Deed of Variation. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Budget: £614,540 total remaining budget for the deed of variation and the secure front entrance below in paragraph 3.8. Estimated costs £25,000 for the SPV Project Co Legal fees and a further £22,000 for SPV Lenders' legal fees.
- 3.8. **Alder: Secure front entrance. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Works to remove the existing canopy and comply with the planning permission were completed at Whit. Works on the replacement new extension are now scheduled to start October 2021 and complete January 2022 but this is dependant on a signed Deed of Variation being in place (paragraph 3.7).
Budget: £614,540 total remaining budget for the deed of variation above in paragraph 3.7

and the secure front entrance. At the time of writing (22/7/21) an estimate of costs received from the PFI Company is £300,894 although this includes some provisional sums. The PFI Co has also proposed Lifecycle costs of £757.02 per annum and £2,261.47 per annum for FM costs.

Remaining Issues: A separate Executive Decision will be produced to enter into the contract to build the new entrance based on these costs.

- 3.9. **Aldwyn: 3 classroom extension and ancillary spaces. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: On site 6/4/21. Scheduled to complete Easter 2022
Budget: £2.635m approved.
Remaining Issues: Following completion of the works the three temporary classrooms will need to be removed from site and the playground returned to its original condition.
- 3.10. **All Saints High School – works to sports and other facilities to support additional places. RAG STATUS: To be confirmed.**
Programme: The works will be overseen by the Shrewsbury Diocese. At this stage the school is considering its priorities and once these are agreed a grant agreement will be put in place.
Budget: £1.990m approved.
Remaining Issues: Agreement of scope of works and formulation of grant agreement
- 3.11. **Audenshaw School: Remodelling of sixth form and expansion of science areas. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Works were scheduled for completion 1 September 2021
Budget: £1.167m approved.
Remaining Issues: Works due to be completed by 2021, the scheme is Amber as the original plan was to carry out all works in 2020, the scope of works required could not be completed over one summer..
- 3.12. **Cromwell: Expansion of Sixth Form Provision. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Phase 2 Works were scheduled for completion 1 September 2021. Phase 3 over summer 2022
Budget: £500,000 approved (Special Provision Grant).
Remaining Issues: Phase 3 alterations to complete the sixth form provision will need to take place over summer 2022 and a further report detailing costs and programme will be presented to a future meeting.
- 3.13. **Denton Community College: Provision of 6-classroom modular teaching block, internal remodelling and associated works. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: The internal remodelling and 6-classroom block were all completed on schedule. There remain some outstanding associated works, the main item being the provision of a linked covered walkway between the new block and the main school, and some courtyard canopies to allow dining provision to be expanded. Costs recently received and within budget.
Budget: £288,000 remaining
Remaining Issues: Completion of outstanding items 2021
- 3.14. **Discovery Academy/Birch Lane – Remodelling of accommodation. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Tameside Music Service and the Schools Library Service were displaced from their previous accommodation to facilitate the creation of sixth form provision for Cromwell Special School and Key Stage 1 SEMH provision at Thomas Ashton. Remodelling of Birch Lane was required in order for the services to be able to continue to provide their service from that location. Works were completed in July 2021.
Budget: £130,000 remaining.
Remaining issues: None

- 3.15. **Greenside Primary School: Remodelling to provide an additional 10 resourced pupil places. RAG STAUS: AMBER**
 Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021.
 Budget: £28,000 approved at Executive Cabinet in June 2021 by way of a formal grant agreement with The Victorious Academies Trust. It is proposed this is supported by Special Provision funding as per **Appendix 3**.
 Remaining Issues: None
- 3.16. **Hawthorns Primary Academy New school building. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
 Programme: New school building planned. The first step is to produce designs to RIBA Stage 3 and this was approved at June Executive Cabinet.
 Budget: £13m provisionally approved at June 2021 Executive Cabinet. The first main expenditure is to produce designs to RIBA Stage 3 at a cost of £537,783. An order for the initial design work and ground surveys was placed with the LEP on 2 July 2021 at a cost of £154,422. It is proposed the RIBA Stage 3 costs are supported by Special Provision and High Needs Provision funding as per **Appendix 3 & 5**.
 Remaining Issues: Significant design work and consultation is continuing to a very tight timescale. In addition to designing the new school discussions are taking place around the future use and management of Active Tameside's Longdendale facility which is on the same site. It is hoped to develop community use of the playing fields and other facilities in conjunction with the academy trust. Further information is required relating to the revenue implications as discussed at paragraph 2.4. Further updates will be presented in future reports to Panel.
- 3.17. **Hyde High School – New five-classroom science block. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
 Programme: The classroom block was handed over to school in December 2020 with snagging items finally completed Easter 2021. The removal of an earlier four-classroom standard classroom block took place at Whit 2021.
 Budget: £168,000 approved.
 Remaining Issues: None
- 3.18. **Hyde High School – Purchase of 2 classroom mobile classroom. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
 Programme: Purchase of the two-classroom mobile block by the end of 2021 subject to obtaining planning permission.
 Budget: £70,000 approved.
 Remaining Issues: Extended planning permission for the unit. The school will need to enter into an FM agreement to maintain the building.
- 3.19. **Oakfield Primary Extended Resource Base part of the Special Educational Needs Strategy. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
 Programme: To be confirmed as part of the Grant Agreement
 Budget: Executive Cabinet in June 2021 approved £153,000 of Basic Need funding by way of a formal grant agreement with The Enquire Learning Trust who will oversee the works. It is proposed this is supported by Special Provision funding as per **Appendix 3**.
 Remaining Issues: Finalising Grant Agreement
- 3.20. **Ravensfield Primary School: Enabling works – possible further expenditure. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
 Programme: Works completed on schedule in 2009.
 Budget: £20,100 provision was requested in July Panel and Executive Cabinet in respect of an outstanding invoice dating back to the original enabling scheme. This invoice is being challenged due to the timescales.
 Remaining Issues: None
- 3.21. **Rayner Stephens Academy - Expansion - Improvement works to science and dining**

facilities in support of additional places. RAG STATUS: GREEN

Programme: An initial feasibility study has been completed by the school indicating a cost of £1.3m. Timescales will be agreed with the academy trust as part of the formal grant agreement.

Budget: £1.3m approved.

Remaining Issues: Finalisation of grant agreement

3.22. St John's CE Primary: Two classroom extension and associated spaces. RAG STATUS: AMBER

Programme: Currently on site. Scheduled completion December 2021.

Budget: £1.181m approved.

Remaining Issues: Removal of the temporary classrooms following completion of the scheme. Works due to be completed by 2021, the scheme is Amber as the original plan was to carry out all works in 2020, the scope of works required could not be completed over one summer.

3.23. St Thomas More RC High: Extension to dining hall and additional classroom. RAG STATUS: GREEN

Programme: The works are to be carried out by the school and diocese via a grant agreement from the council. Current target date for completion is December 2021.

Budget: £250,000 approved (which includes £100,000 Basic Need Funding and £150,000 Healthy Pupils' Capital Funding). In July 2021, the cost estimate for the project increased by £50,000 due to the increasing price of materials in the building trade. The school have contributed £20,000 from their DFC budget and a further £5,000 was cut after aspects of the work were trimmed. Panel are requested to approve the remaining £25,000 from Basic Need Funding to enable the project to commence and be completed on time.

Remaining Issues: Completion of the Grant Agreement with the school and diocese.

4. SCHOOL CONDITION GRANT SCHEMES

4.1. **Appendix 2** provides a financial update with details of current School Condition Allocation (SCA) funded projects, including proposed changes to scheme funding.

4.2. In order to develop an informed asset management plan for schools that remain under the Council's responsibility an independent surveyor was appointed to carry out condition surveys of existing school premises. The intention is to create a transparent and targeted schedule of works required to school buildings.

4.3. The budget available is insufficient to meet the demands placed upon it and the surveyors were asked to identify priorities of the works required within each school and across the portfolio of schools.

4.4. In addition to the works identified in the condition survey there are other calls on the School Condition Allocation budget. This is the only central source of grant money to spend on schools (other than Basic Need which is purely to create new school places). It has been custom and practice to address health and safety items and support disabled access by using the School Condition Allocation funding.

Contingency

4.5. Reactive school condition issues are covered by an allocation of £150,000 of the School Condition Allocation as an in-year contingency against any urgent works that could arise. £20,000 contingency brought forward from 2020/21 remains in the budget which would take the total contingency to £170,000. Urgent additional asbestos removal works needed to take place at Arlies Primary School at a cost of £30,200, which now leaves the contingency budget at £139,800.

- 4.6. There was a request for £43,000 at July Panel and Cabinet for project management costs in relation to SCA schemes which will be allocated against the relevant schemes throughout the year.
- 4.7. The following paragraphs describes those schemes with significant variations from the original estimates or updates the Panel on progress on schemes already within the programme.
- 4.8. **Aldwyn and Hawthorns Schools: Roof replacement. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Scheduled to be carried out as part of the Basic Need scheme at Aldwyn commencing summer 2021.
Budget: £313,000 approved SCA and £88,000 contribution from the Hawthorns Academy Trust.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.9. **Arlies Primary: Removal of redundant mobile block and making good. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Works were scheduled for completion by 1 September 2021.
Budget: £60,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.10. **Arlies Primary: Full rewire. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Design works completed.
Budget: Actual works deferred to summer 2022 because of lack of available budget.
Remaining Issues: There is a significant amount of asbestos removal required (see below). A further report on rewire costs will be brought to a future meeting and form part of schemes to be considered for 2022/23 funding.
- 4.11. **Arlies Primary: Asbestos removal. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Significant removal of asbestos in ceilings throughout the school in advance of 2022 rewire. Asbestos removal works were scheduled to take place over summer 2021 with further removal planned at Christmas 2021 and Easter 2022. During the asbestos removal works taking place over summer 2021 additional asbestos was discovered in the school's boiler room. This area had not been within the scope of the original works. Specialist asbestos consultants have carried out testing on debris discovered within the plant room and because of the immediate health and safety risk a decision was taken to remove the debris and carry out a full environmental clean of the area. The cost of the works of £30,200 has been allocated from the contingency fund within the SCA approved budget as the works were urgent.
Budget: £100,000 approved. £30,200 allocated from contingency. Total budget £130,200.
Remaining Issues: Completion of asbestos removal programme.
- 4.12. **Audenshaw Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Works were scheduled for completion 1 September 2021.
Budget: £35,400 approved.
Remaining Issues: The scheme is combined with a decarbonisation-funded scheme to install LED lights throughout the school. The LED lighting has been slightly delayed and will now take place during September with completion expected by the end of the month.
- 4.13. **Broadbent Fold Primary: Roof replacement. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Phase 1 autumn 2021 or spring 2022. Phase 2 summer 2022.
Budget: £300,000 approved. £150,000 for works in 2021/22 and a further £150,000 will be required to complete the scheme. A further report will be brought to a future meeting when allocation of 2022/23 schemes will be considered.
Remaining Issues: Completion of Phase 2 works in 2022
- 4.14. **Fairfield Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: GREEN**

Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021
Budget: £140,000 approved. Tenders were returned over the high-level estimate at £140,325.
Remaining Issues: None

4.15. Fairfield Primary: Full school re-wire. RAG STATUS: GREEN

Programme: Works planned to start summer 2021
Budget: £250,000 approved. Tenders were returned to the value of £249,934. Expected completion end of October 2021.
Remaining Issues: None

4.16. Gee Cross Holy Trinity CE Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: GREEN

Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021
Budget: £65,400 approved.
Remaining Issues: None

4.17. Gee Cross Holy Trinity CE Primary: Security fencing. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED

Programme: Works were completed during June 2021.
Budget: £59,500 approved.
Remaining Issues: None

4.18. Gee Cross Holy Trinity CE Primary: Gable end/roof works. RAG STATUS: AMBER

Programme: Works were originally scheduled for summer 2021 but late tendering and the works to the lath and plaster ceilings meant that this could not go ahead as planned.
Budget: £70,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: Rescheduling of gable end and roof works once tenders are returned

4.19. Gee Cross Holy Trinity CE Primary: Glass balustrade replacement. RAG STATUS: GREEN

Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021
Budget: £20,300 approved for works at this and two other schools (Lyndhurst and Ravensfield).
Remaining Issues: None

4.20. Gorse Hall Primary: Boiler replacement. RAG STATUS: AMBER

Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021
Budget: £100,000 approved. The wider scheme includes several decarbonisation measures funded separately.
Remaining Issues: Works to form part of wider decarbonisation scheme summer 2021. This includes solar panels. The panels on the pitched roof elements were fitted over the school holidays and are now generating power. The panels planned for the flat roofed areas have been delayed because of defects in the flat roof. Further investigation is taking place to rectify this but this element of the solar installation will be delayed. An additional measure is the fitting of an air-source heat pump which is awaiting planning permission

4.21. Hollingworth Primary: Roof – investigation and specification. RAG STATUS: GREEN

Programme: Survey took place during the Whit holidays 2021
Budget: £2,300 approved for the initial investigation.
Remaining Issues: Further report to a future Panel for consideration of funding during 2022/23.

4.22. Hurst Knoll Primary: Boiler replacement. RAG STATUS: AMBER

Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021
Budget: £100,000 approved. The scheme includes several decarbonisation measures funded separately.
Remaining Issues: The wider decarbonisation project includes LED lighting, cavity insulation and new double-glazing. These works have been delayed and are now expected to

commence at October half term. Similarly the installation of an air-source heat pump is awaiting planning permission and the works are now expected to take place at October half term.

- 4.23. **Livingstone Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works were completed at Whit 2021
Budget: £5,000 approved. The final costs were £2,294.12. As this is below the £10,000 de minimis level the school will be recharged the full amount and the £5,000 budget allocation may be returned to the unallocated SCA fund. Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet this course of action.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.24. **Lyndhurst Primary: Glass balustrade replacement. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021
Budget: £20,300 approved for works at this and two other schools (Gee Cross and Ravensfield).
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.25. **Milton St John's CE Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works were completed at Whit 2021
Budget: £5,000 approved. The final costs were £1,653.47. As this is below the £10,000 de minimis level the school will be recharged the full amount and the £5,000 budget allocation may be returned to the unallocated SCA fund. Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet this course of action.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.26. **Milton St John's CE Primary: Secure entrance extension. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Carry out further design work to tender stage in the autumn 2021
Budget: £18,000 approved to develop designs further.
Remaining Issues: Further report to a future Panel when designs tendered. The main works will need to be considered as part of the 2022/23 allocation.
- 4.27. **Oakdale School: Roof – investigation and specification. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: A survey was planned for Whit holidays 2021 but did not take place as governance for the expenditure was not in place at that time. Survey now planned for October half term.
Budget: A high level budget of £5,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: Further report to a future Panel for consideration of funding during 2022/23.
- 4.28. **Ravensfield Primary: Glass balustrade replacement. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Works were scheduled for summer 2021
Budget: £20,300 approved for works at this and two other schools (Gee Cross and Lyndhurst).
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.29. **Russell Scott Primary: Funding for further emergency works pending the resolution of the options appraisal on the future development of the school. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: As and when required
Budget: £50,000 approved to carry out any necessary emergency repairs during 2021/22.
Remaining Issues: Identifying funding for the future redevelopment of the school.
- 4.30. **St Anne's Primary Denton – Front entrance extension. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: St Anne's has very poor entrance and visitor reception arrangements with a high health and safety risk. The project improves the situation by means of a new extension which will provide safe entry to the school and also disabled toilet facilities currently lacking at the school.

Budget: £201,000 approved. A high level estimate total cost of £403,000 is estimated. £175,000 of the costs will be met by the school. Planning permission has been obtained and the project tendered.

- 4.31. Because the scheme is above £250,000 it is not appropriate for it to be carried out under the Additional Services contract and a full design and build contract will need to be entered into. Costs are currently being sought but this route does add significant procurement costs to the scheme.
- 4.32. Remaining Issues: Entering into full contract.
- 4.33. **St Peter's RC Primary Stalybridge: Disabled adaptation. RAG STATUS: AMBER (costs)**
Programme: Remodelling of a former storeroom into a medical room to support a pupil with specialist needs were scheduled to take place over summer 2021.
Budget: To be confirmed, however school will fund the first £10,000 of any works. Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet allocation of £10,000 of unallocated SCA to initially fund the scheme.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.34. **Stalyhill Infants: Complete roof replacement. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Works scheduled to commence summer 2021 with completion by Christmas 2021.
Budget: £280,000 approved. Following tender returns the cost of the works is £273,000 .
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.35. **Whitebridge College: Creation of secure entrance. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: The internal remodelling of the College's entrance to increase security and assist with the management of pupils. Works were originally planned to take place during the school summer holidays 2021 but this has been delayed pending further discussions with the PFI operator and school.
Budget: £15,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: Rescheduling of the works.
- 4.36. **Asbestos management Surveys – Survey of locations inaccessible when original surveys carried out. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Summer 2021
Budget: £42,000 approved. Tender costs awaited but expected to be within budget.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.37. **Condition Surveys – Resurvey of 20% of schools. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Now deferred until autumn 2021
Budget: £70,000 approved. The work now needs to be tendered but costs are expected to be within budget.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.38. **Fire compartmentalisation surveys. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: The majority of these surveys were carried out at Easter with the remainder being at Whit.
Budget: £29,000 approved.
Remaining issues: Further reports will be presented once the surveys have been returned and analysed. Any urgent works will need to be considered for 2022/23 funding.
- 4.39. **Structural Engineers' Fees. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: As and when required
Budget: £8,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: None

5. SPECIAL PROVISION FUND & HEALTHY PUPILS CAPITAL FUND

- 5.1. **Appendix 3** provides a financial update of the current Special Provision funded projects, including proposed changes to scheme funding.
- 5.2. **Appendix 4** provides a financial update of the current Healthy Pupils' Capital funded projects, including proposed changes to scheme funding

6. HIGH NEEDS PROVISION CAPITAL FUND

- 6.1. **Appendix 5** provides a financial update of the current High Needs Provision Capital funded projects, including proposed changes to scheme funding.

6.2. **Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy. RAG STATUS: AMBER (costs)**

Programme: The school is establishing a resource base for 10 children with Education, Health and Care Plans from September 2021. Although there are no major capital requirements in order to open the provision, the school has requested £23,000 to refurbish an external play area to allow children in the resourced provision to have dedicated access to a suitable play area. As an academy, this funding will be subject to a grant agreement.

Budget: Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet allocation of £23,000 of unallocated High Needs Provision to fund the scheme and to enter into a grant agreement with the school for this amount.

Remaining Issues: None.

6.3. **Corrie Primary School. RAG STATUS: AMBER (costs)**

Programme: The school is establishing a resource base for 10 children with Education, Health and Care Plans from September 2021. The accommodation being re-purposed for the provision was previously used mostly by adults and so needs some remodelling to make it fit for purpose and safe for children. The work includes:

Alteration to two wall heaters to ensure children do not have access to hot surfaces and an upgrade to the classroom lighting.

The rear fire escape route is currently very tight for manoeuvrability and in light of the increased number of occupants could prove hazardous for wheelchair users and their assistants. It is proposed to level the final exit door to remove the lip and excavate an external area to improve the exit route. A supporting retaining wall will also be installed along with new handrails. An additional gate is also to be added to create a safe outside space for pupils, level for wheelchair users and a safer exit in case of emergencies.

Budget: Indicative costs have been obtained and Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet an allocation of £20,000 of unallocated High Needs Provision to fund the scheme.

Remaining Issues: None.

7. PROCUREMENT AND ADDED VALUE

- 7.1. In accordance with Council policy and contractual arrangements all capital projects should be procured through the Tameside Investment Partnership/LEP except alterations to PFI schools are procured through the PFI contracts. Capital projects at Voluntary Aided schools are generally procured directly by the relevant governing body and diocese as they own the buildings and/or have separate governance arrangements.
- 7.2. In addition to a fixed price and scope being provided, the LEP has a responsibility to confirm to the Council that value for money is being delivered, either through tendering or benchmarking using independent review on the larger projects. The LEP has also committed

to delivering added value in the form of using local supply chains and providing apprenticeships and work experience opportunities.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1. The specific risks and mitigation plans, associated with each of the projects, have been identified in the main section of the report.
- 8.2. Inflation in the building industry is also a more significant risk than previously experienced and larger schemes will be most affected. Early scoping and pricing of the works will mitigate against this and enable projects to be delivered in a timely and cost-effective manner.
- 8.3. The COVID-19 virus and its wider effects on society and the way we can work continues to present a significant challenge. Social distancing guidelines for example will affect the way works can be carried out and generally will mean that schemes will by necessity take longer to build than originally envisaged.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 As set out at the front of the report.