

**Report to:** EXECUTIVE CABINET

**Date:** 24 March 2016

**Executive Member/  
Reporting Officer:** Councillor Lynn Travis – Executive Member for Lifelong Learning  
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**Subject:** EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

**Report Summary:** This report presents proposals for the Council’s Education Capital Programme for 2016/17 for approval in line with Council priorities.

**Recommendations:** That the Executive Cabinet:

1. Note the 2016-17 capital funding allocations of £8.243m, as follows (£m):
  - Basic Need funding 5.946
  - School Condition Alloc 1.824
  - Devolved Formula Cap 0.473
  - **Total 8.243**
2. Note the pre-approved and funded existing capital programme schemes totalling £4.055m. (see para 1.4). These pre-approved schemes are partly funded by grants being carried forward from 2015/16 of £2.004m which is an additional resource to the 2016/17 grants listed above
3. For Basic Need grant 2016/17,
  - a. Notes the pre-allocation of £2.051m;
  - b. Approves the allocation of £0.982m, as set out at para 2.1 and 2.2 and in **Appendix A**;
  - c. Note that £2.913m of Basic Need grant for 2016/17 remains to be allocated (see para 1.5).
4. For School Condition and Capital Maintenance grants totalling £2.042m:
  - a. Note the new 2016/17 school condition grant £1.824m,
  - b. Note the brought forward maintenance grant from 2015/16 of £0.161m (see para 2.2),
  - c. Note the addition of £0.057m, arising from reducing the funding previously allocated to 3 projects by £0.057m (see para 1.10).
  - d. Approves the allocation of this £2.042m funding to support the School Condition schemes in 2016/17 as set out in Section 3 and **Appendix B** of the report.

**Links to Community Strategy:** Learning Tameside

**Policy Implications:** In compliance with Council policy

**Financial Implications:** This report includes the allocation of £820,621 of 2016/17 Basic

**(Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)**

Need funding already shown on the capital programme as a funding stream towards individual projects shown in Section 2 and **Appendix A**.

The report proposes reducing the Capital Maintenance funding previously allocated to three projects by £57,000 due to over estimated costs on those schemes.

The report also proposes that £161,735 of Capital Maintenance funding already on the capital programme and supporting a project should be amended so that the scheme is funded from 2016/17 Basic Need funding instead.

A combination of the £57,000 and £161,735 of Capital Maintenance Grant and the new 2016/17 School Condition grant of £1,823,699 enable the allocation of £2,042,434 in funding towards the projects proposed in the report in Section 3 and Appendix B. This group of allocations includes the creation of a contingency fund of £156,424 which is considered prudent to protect against any project cost increases.

**Legal Implications:  
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

The Council has a statutory duty under the Education Act 1996, to secure sufficient and suitable places for pupils in its area in primary and secondary schools across the borough. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of community and voluntary aided school buildings, even though it does not own voluntary aided school buildings. The Council, schools and academies receive funding from the Department of Education (DfE) for maintenance of schools, however in the future it appears that Basic Need funding will be targeted through the Council.

The potential for the establishment of free schools means that the Council does not have total control over where places are established.


There is therefore a risk that there will be surplus places in a local area in the future if free schools are established by promoters and approved by the DfE.

**Risk Management:**

A detailed risk assessment is included in the report.

**Access to Information:**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer, Ade Alao, Head of Investment and Development, by:

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report presents proposals for the Council's Education Capital Programme for 2016/17 for approval in line with Council priorities.
- 1.2 The Council's powers to provide and maintain educational facilities is 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 its area in primary and secondary schools across the borough.
- 1.3 An indicative Education Capital Programme for 2016/17 was considered by the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel at its meeting on 13 July 2015 and approved by Executive Cabinet on 13 July 2015.
- 1.4 The Education Capital Programme for 2016/17 prior to this report is shown in Table 1 below. There is a split on the table between approved projects of £4.055m and £3.895m of unallocated Basic Need grant for 2016/17.

**Table 1 - Education Capital Programme at February 2016**

<b>Scheme/School</b>	<b>Education Capital Programme 2016/17 Budget £'000</b>
Alder Buy Out Fitness Centre to Create Classrooms	1,000
Hyde Targeted Basic Need New School	608
Aldwyn Primary - Additional Accommodation	1,477
Discovery Academy – Remodelling/Furniture	115
Milton St John – Creation of Bulge Class	40
Livingstone – Remodelling/Extension	345
St James' Hattersley – Additional Classroom	220
St Damian's – Classroom Alterations	250
<b>Total Funded Projects</b>	<b>4,055</b>
<b>Basic Need Funding Stream (Unallocated grant)</b>	<b>3,895</b>
<b>Total Programme</b>	<b>7,950</b>

- 1.5 The Council had previously been notified of Basic Need grant for 2016/17 of £5,946,396, with £2,051,068 of that grant having been pre-allocated to projects over the past year. **Table 1** above shows that £3,895,328 of that 2016/17 Basic Need grant had not been allocated to projects at February 2016. Section 2 of this report contains proposals to allocate a total of £982,356 of that Basic Need grant for 2016/17 towards the schemes detailed in **Appendix A**. If the proposals are approved then it will mean that £2,912,972 of the Basic Need grant for 2016/17 is still available to allocate to schemes at a future date.
- 1.6 **Table 2 – Additional Education Capital Funding at March 2016**

<b>Capital Grant</b>	<b>£</b>
New School Condition Allocation 2016/17	1,823,699
New Devolved Formula Capital 2016/17	473,111
Capital Maintenance Grant 2015/16 (see 1.10 below)	57,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,353,810</b>

- 1.7 The Council received notification from the Department for Education (DfE) on 11 February 2016 that a School Condition grant of £1,823,699 would be allocated in relation to Council controlled School buildings for financial year 2016/17. Section 3 of this report contains

proposals to allocate all of this new School Condition grant towards the schemes detailed in **Appendix B**, which includes creating a contingency budget of £156,424.

- 1.8 On the same date the Department for Education confirmed that the Devolved Formula Capital grant for Council controlled School buildings for 2016/17 would be £473,111. This element of capital funding has to be allocated directly to Schools who determine how it will be used on an individual basis.
- 1.9 When the announcement of new capital funding took place on 11 February 2016 the Voluntary Aided Schools in Tameside were allocated a School Condition grant of £768,060 for 2016/17 and £186,770 in Devolved Formula Capital grant for Voluntary Aided Schools. However, both of these resources are not included in the Council's Education Capital Programme as that funding is allocated to Diocesan Schools directly by the Department for Education.
- 1.10 There are three schemes in the previously approved 2015/16 Education Capital Programme where savings have now been identified that make £57,000 of 2015/16 Capital Maintenance Grant newly available. **Table 3** below summarises these savings and it is proposed that this funding is used in conjunction with the School Condition Grant referenced in Section 1.7 above to support the proposed allocations to projects in Section 3 of this report.

**Table 3 – Schemes with Identified Savings 2015/16**

School	Description	Estimated Saving £
St James' Ashton	Heating Replacement	15,000
Milton St John's	Lighting, Power and Alarm Replacement	35,000
Ashton West End	Asbestos Removal	7,000
		<b>57,000</b>

## 2 PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF THE 2016/17 BASIC NEED GRANT

- 2.1 Basic Need grant should be used to provide sufficient pupil places to meet demand in line with the Council's statutory duties. The proposed allocations of 2016/17 Basic Need grant funding towards both new and existing capital projects are shown in Table 4 below. Additional details about the newly proposed schemes and the proposed increases in funding for existing schemes are contained in **Appendix A**.

**Table 4 – Proposed Basic Need Grant 2016/17 Allocation**

School/Scheme	Description	Scheme Type	Proposed Basic Need Grant 2016/17 Allocation £
Livingstone Primary	Two Classroom Extension	Existing	45,000
Aldwyn/Hawthorns Primary	Additional Classrooms	Existing	500,000
Milton St John Primary	Re-modelling Works	Existing	20,000
Astley High School	Carpets	Existing	40,144
Inspire Academy	Play Equipment	Existing	39,477
BSF ICT	Additional Costs	Existing	16,000
Broad oak Primary	External Areas	New	100,000

St John's Primary	Initial Costs for Two Classroom Extension	New	40,000
Basic Need new Classrooms	Furniture and Equipment Contributions	New	20,000
<b>Total Proposed Allocations at March 2016</b>			<b>820,621</b>

2.2 The previously approved capital programme scheme at Livingstone to create an extension was partly funded through the use of £161,735 of Capital Maintenance. However, as this project is aimed at increasing place numbers it is proposed that this allocation is amended to be funded from Basic Need 2016/17 grant instead. This will enable the allocation of the Capital Maintenance Grant previously intended to fund this scheme for use on condition schemes that are proposed in Section 3 of this report. The reason for this proposed switch in funding is that Basic Need funding cannot be used to address building condition issues. This allocation is in addition to those contained in Table 2.1 above.

### 3 PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF THE 2016/17 SCHOOL CONDITION GRANT AND SAVINGS FROM 2015/16 CAPITAL MAINTENANCE FUNDED SCHEMES

3.1 Capital Repairs and Maintenance schemes are based on the need to undertake significant works addressing health & safety and/or statutory compliance issues. The proposed allocations of 2016/17 School Condition grant funding, savings from 2015/16 Capital Maintenance funded schemes (see Sections 1.10 and 2.2 above) towards both new and existing capital projects are shown in **Table 5** below. Additional details about the newly proposed schemes and the proposed increases in funding for existing schemes are contained in **Appendix B**.

**Table 5 – Proposed School Condition 2016/17 and Capital Maintenance 2015/16 Grant Allocation**

School/Scheme	Description	Scheme Type	Proposed School Condition 2016/17 and Capital Maintenance 2015/16 Grant Allocation £
St Anne's Denton	Kitchen Works	Existing	6,000
Broadbottom	Kitchen Works	Existing	11,000
Wildbank	Heating and Lighting	Existing	32,000
Gorse Hall	Power and Fire Alarm	Existing	14,000
Milton St John's	Emergency Propping and Additional Supports	Existing	23,474
Gorse Hall	Asbestos Removal	Existing	9,721
Fairfield Road	Access road/Car park	Existing	19,290
St Anne's Denton	Rebuild Head Teacher's Office	New	41,439
St Anne's Denton	Electric Supply	New	7,225
Broadbottom	Emergency Drainage	New	13,750
Contingency	Condition Related Works	New	156,424
Greenside	Replace switchgear, lighting, emergency lighting, 50% of fire alarm and 20% small power	New	272,000

Greenside	Replace boiler and fan convectors	New	220,000
Gorse Hall	Replace small power	New	147,000
Livingstone	Replace heat emitters and pipework	New	192,000
Dowson	Replace lower school heat emitters	New	84,000
Stalyhill Infants	Replace heat emitters and distribution pipework	New	67,000
Arlies	Replace fan convectors and modify controls and LST radiator covers.	New	180,000
Waterloo	Air handling unit system no longer works - life expired. Replace Boilers and Heat Emitters	New	118,512
Hurst Knoll	Nursery fan convectors, Year 5/6 air conditioning in Mobile Classroom	New	29,599
Hollingworth	Drainage	New	12,000
Milton St John's	Drainage	New	5,000
The Heys	Floors (Phase 2)	New	40,000
Rosehill	Floors	New	25,000
Arlies	Roof to Mobile Classroom	New	31,000
St Anne's Denton	Flat roofs	New	100,000
Micklehurst	Water tower	New	20,000
Greswell	Walls & windows	New	50,000
Dowson	Infant windows	New	50,000
Longdendale	Science Labs	New	65,000
<b>Total Proposed Allocations at March 2016</b>			<b>2,042,434</b>

#### 4 SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME AFTER PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS

4.1 **Table 6** below shows the 2016/17 Education capital programme if the proposed allocations contained in Sections 2 and 3 above are approved.

**Table 6 – Education Capital Programme After Proposed Allocations**

<b>Scheme/School</b>	<b>Education Capital Programme Budget £</b>
Devolved Formula Capital (Allocated directly to Schools)	473,111
Basic Need Funding Stream (Unallocated grant)	2,913,172
Livingstone Primary - Two Classroom Extension	45,000
Aldwyn/Hawthorns Primary - Additional Classrooms	500,000
Milton St John Primary - Re-modelling Works	20,000
Astley High School - Carpets	40,144
Inspire Academy - Play Equipment	39,477
BSF ICT - Additional Costs	16,000
Broadoak Primary - External Areas	100,000
St John's Primary - Initial Costs for Two Classroom Extension	40,000
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Livingstone – Remodelling/Extension	345,000

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St Damian's – Classroom Alterations	250,000
St Anne's Denton - Kitchen Works	6,000
Broadbottom - Kitchen Works	11,000
Wildbank - Heating and Lighting	32,000
Gorse Hall - Power and Fire Alarm	14,000
Milton St John's - Emergency Propping and Additional Supports	23,474
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Dowson - Replace lower school heat emitters	84,000
Stalyhill Infants - Replace heat emitters and distribution pipework	67,000
Arlies - Replace fan convectors and modify controls and LST radiator covers.	180,000
Waterloo - Air handling unit system no longer works - life expired. Replace Boilers and Heat Emitters	118,512
Hurst Knoll - Nursery fan convectors, Year 5/6 air conditioning in Mobile Classroom	29,599
Hollingworth - Drainage	12,000
Milton St John's - Drainage	5,000
The Heys - Floors (Phase 2)	40,000
Rosehill - Floors	25,000
Arlies - Roof to mobile	31,000
St Anne's Denton - Flat roofs	100,000
Micklehurst - Water tower	20,000
Greswell - Walls & windows	50,000
Dowson - Infant windows	50,000
Longdendale - Science Labs	65,000
<b>Total Proposed Capital Programme at March 2016</b>	<b>10,304,338</b>

## 5 PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY

- 5.1 In accordance with Council policy, most capital projects are procured through the Tameside Investment Partnership, either through the Facilities Management contract or for larger schemes as new projects, through the TIP, in accordance with the Strategic Partnering Agreement.
- 5.2 Work at voluntary aided schools is generally undertaken by the relevant diocese, as they own the buildings and not the Council.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 The Council has a statutory duty under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996, to secure sufficient and suitable places for pupils in its area in primary and secondary schools across the borough. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of maintained and voluntary aided school buildings, even though it does not own voluntary aided school buildings.
- 6.2 The risk of managing the condition and suitability of maintained and voluntary aided school buildings has been mitigated by the Council's track record of success in bidding for additional capital resources. Recent condition surveys of a number of schools have however indicated that urgent work is required to address emergent health and safety issues and prevent further deterioration. The prioritisation of investment in the proposed 2016/17 programme has been designed to address this.

## **7 CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 The Council's powers to provide and maintain educational facilities is 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 its area in primary and secondary schools across the borough
- 7.2 The Education Capital Programme 2016/17 proposed in this report will contribute to improving educational outcomes in Tameside by improving the condition, suitability and efficiency of the Council's education assets

## **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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