

Report to:	STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING
Date:	16 March 2020
Executive Member / Reporting Officer:	Councillor Leanne Feeley – Executive Member (Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage) Councillor Oliver Ryan – Executive Member (Finance and Economic Growth) Tim Bowman – Assistant Director Education
Subject:	EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME
Report Summary:	This report advises members of the Panel on the latest position with the Council's Education Capital Programme and seeks the recommendation of various approvals as set out in the report.
Recommendations:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it is RECOMMENDED TO EXECUTIVE CABINET to APPROVE that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) proposed changes to the Education Capital Programme, (Basic Need Funding Schemes), Special Provision Fund and Healthy Pupils' Capital Fund as outlined in Appendix 1 and School Condition Allocation Funding Schemes Appendix 2 (b) That S106 contributions and Developer Contributions as set out in section 2 are approved to finance Education Capital Schemes. (c) That £442,159 Special Provision top up grant to be added to the Capital Programme. (d) That £12,029 residual grant funding be added to the Capital Programme to contribute to the costs of Basic Need schemes. (e) That approval is given to work identified in the report. 2. The risk relating to the delayed allocation of Basic Need Funding in future years (section 2) is noted. 3. That the risks highlighted in Section 5 of the report are noted. 4. That approval is given to progress the work identified in the report at para 3.54, which will need further governance setting out final costs and the obligations of each scheme.
Corporate Plan:	The proposals contained in this report will support the delivery of the Corporate Plan.
Policy Implications:	In line with approved policy.
Financial Implications:	Basic Need Grant
(Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	The council has £13,995,524 of Basic Need available to spend in 2019/20. This is a balance of unspent grant from previous years. The council did not receive any allocation in 2018/19. Notification has been received of an additional allocation of £4,842,699 for 2019/20 and nil for 2020/21. Appendix 1 of this report identifies that grant has been earmarked for schemes in 2019/20 totalling £8,605,000 and £5,390,524 for

2020/21 which have previously been reported to Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel and are included on the Council's capital programme. Appendix 1 identifies proposed changes of nil bringing the value of earmarked schemes to £13,995,524. The period 10 capital monitoring report includes re-profiling requests totalling £5,120,000. There is a nil balance of Basic Need funding shown in 2.2.

School Condition Grant

The council has £2,377,774 of School Condition funding available to be spent during the 2019/20 financial year, to improve and maintain the school estate. Appendix 2 identifies that grant has been earmarked for schemes totalling £2,004,000 which have previously been reported to Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel and are included in the Council's capital programme. Appendix 2 identifies proposed changes of £27,000 bringing the total value of earmarked schemes to £2,031,000. The period 10 capital monitoring report includes re-profiling requests totalling £393,000. There is a balance of unallocated School Condition funding shown in 2.8 of £346,774.

A detailed review of all earmarked schemes in 2019/20 continues to be undertaken and it is anticipated that resource will be identified from other earmarked schemes where costs are expected to be less than budgeted. The allocation of 2019/20 School Condition funding must 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.

The PowerPoint appendix attached to the report shows the list of approved capital schemes within the Education directorate capital programme along with budget monitoring completed as at period 10. Milestones have been included for large Basic Need schemes to reflect the progress of the project.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

In order to be lawful recommendation 1(e) needs to be clarified and be more exact and specific.

The Council is required to ensure that funding is allocated and spent proportionately, taking into account the need to achieve best value and comply with appropriate procurement obligations. The allocation of funds within the Education Capital Programme and subsequent expenditure will require prudent management and monitoring to ensure the key priorities of the Corporate Plan are delivered.

Risk Management:

Risk management is addressed within the body of the report

Background Information:

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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, the three main ones 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.

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

- 2.2 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, allocated in prior years, which is available to spend in 2019/2020:

Basic Need Funding	Amount £
Basic Need funding available to spend in 2019/20	£13,995,524
Earmarked Schemes for 2019/20	£8,605,000
Earmarked Schemes for 2020/21	£5,390,524
Proposed Changes	0
Unallocated as at January 2020	0

- 2.3 On 5 October 2017, the Government announced that the 2019/2020 allocation of Basic Need Funding for Tameside Council would be £4,842,699.
- 2.4 On 29 May 2018, the Government announced the 2020/2021 allocation of Basic Need Funding. It should be noted that Tameside Council received no further allocation.
- 2.5 The balance of the Basic Need funding is profiled to be spent during the next year in order to provide the required additional school places.
- 2.6 Basic Need funding allocations are normally announced two years in advance of the financial year to which they relate, however the allocation for 2021/22 Basic Need is delayed. This was confirmed by the Government in a letter to Local Authorities on 19 September 2019, which indicated that no announcements would be made until the 2020 spending review has been completed. The timing of the 2020 spending review is not yet known.
- 2.7 The Council needs to commence the planning and design of schemes for delivery

during 2021/22 during this financial year. This delay in announcing Basic Need allocations for 2021/22 poses a significant risk to our planning as we have no certainty over the funding available for new schemes. The Council has a duty to ensure sufficiency of school places and in the absence of funding announcements may need to progress planning and design works 'at risk' without the funding confirmed.

School Condition Allocation (SCA) Funding

- 2.8 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). The 2019/20 School Condition Allocation was £1,153,000.
- 2.9 The School Condition Allocation is normally known in the December prior to the start of the next financial year. Unfortunately the announcement has been delayed pending the outcome of the 2020 spending review. The delay in announcing the allocation creates a significant risk to the carrying out of schemes as there is currently no certainty over funding.
- 2.10 The table below sets out the amount of School Condition Allocation available to spend in 2019/2020. Full details of existing and proposed schemes are set out in **Appendix 2**.

School Condition Allocation (SCA) Funding	Amount £
SCA funding available to spend in 2019/20	£2,377,774
Earmarked schemes for 2019/20	£2,004,000
Earmarked schemes for 2020/21	£0
Proposed Changes	£27,000
Unallocated as at January 2020 if proposed changes agreed	£346,774

Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) Funding

- 2.11 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 dataset and schools make their own arrangements for works to be undertaken. DFC funding available in Tameside in 2019/20 is £344,294 for Maintained Local Authority and £180,889 for Voluntary Aided schools. The Council received £685,902 of additional Devolved Formula Capital in February 2019 relating to financial year 2018/19.

Section 106 Developer Contributions

- 2.12 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.
- 2.13 Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel at its meeting in November 2019 agreed to allocate £453,168.39 and this was agreed at Executive Cabinet in December 2019.
- 2.14 Since the last meeting of Panel further work has taken place to identify other S106 amounts. The following table proposes to allocate Section 106 monies already

received from developers to particular historic schemes to create additional school places. In effect this will mean that the Section 106 contributions will “top up” the remaining Basic Need or School Condition budget.

Planning Reference	Amount	Fund	Scheme
12/00922/FUL	14,400.00	School Condition	Holden Clough Primary School
13/00296/OUT	79,748.68	School Condition	Holden Clough Primary School
15/01034/FUL	25,000.00	Basic Need	Discovery Academy
10/00788/FUL	69,480.00	Basic Need	Hyde Community College
17/01034/FUL	21,364.03	Basic Need	Aldwyn Primary School
16/00822/FUL	84,275.00	Basic Need	Aldwyn Primary School – this is additional to the identical amount approved at November 2019 Panel
13/00488/FUL	118,739.00	Basic Need	Denton Community College – this is additional to the identical amount approved at November 2019 Panel
No reference Developer contribution	78,000.00	Basic Need	Denton Community College
TOTAL	491,007.00		

Droylsden Academy

Panel is requested to recommend to Council to allocate £15,000 to the school for conversion of a classroom to accommodate an additional 15 pupils into Y7 in September 2021. A grant agreement between the Council and the Academy Trust will be drawn up to ensure the grant is spent for this purpose. This grant will be funded from an unallocated Developer Contribution for spend in the Droylsden area.

Special Provision Fund

2.15 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 or time-bound, so local authorities can make the best decisions for their areas.

2.16 Tameside MBC was allocated £211,254 for each of the three financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. In addition the Council received further allocations of £147,386 in May 2019 and a further £ 294,773 in December 2019. In total £1,075,921 has been allocated to Tameside at the time of this report. The top-up allocations received in May and December 2019 are not yet reflected on the Education Capital programme.

3 PROGRAMME UPDATE

a Basic Need Funded Schemes 2019/2020 and beyond

3.1 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.

3.2 As noted above members of the Panel should be aware that as well as receiving a

zero allocation from central government for 2020/21 the allocation for 2021-22 will be delayed with as yet no indication of when a decision will be made.

- 3.3 This places the Council in a challenging position. The predicted shortfall of places available across the Tameside school estate is significant and there is an urgent requirement to develop schemes, programmes and costs to ensure that places are created on time where required.
- 3.4 Allocations to existing Basic Need schemes have been determined by the Panel and the current position with these schemes is described below.
- 3.5 In addition to schemes already approved by the Panel, the following are currently in process of being planned:
- All Saints Catholic College, Dukinfield
 - St Thomas More RC High School, Denton
 - Rayner Stephens High School, Dukinfield
- 3.6 Schemes that have already been approved are continuing. The following paragraphs update the Panel on the position with these works.

Aldwyn and Hawthorns

- 3.7 This scheme increases capacity at Aldwyn School from a 45-pupil intake to 60 and also includes a two-classroom extension at Hawthorns School. There have been significant and ongoing delays to the project for a number of reasons.
- 3.8 Three temporary modular classrooms have now been provided at Aldwyn to accommodate additional pupils from September 2017, 2018 and 2019 pending a start on the permanent extension. Continuing overcrowding at Hawthorns, because of a high demand for its specialist provision, led to additional temporary accommodation for the school being approved at an earlier Panel meeting. An Executive Decision Notice dated 14 August 2019 agreed a grant of £150,000 from Basic Need to the Newbridge Academy Trust which will directly procure the additional temporary classrooms. This amount is already included in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.9 Revised costs were agreed by Panel in July and we are now, finally nearing a conclusion on the outstanding contractual issues, which should see works on the permanent extension recommence during March 2020.
- 3.10 Should contracts be finalised soon it is anticipated that the permanent extensions to the schools will be completed by the spring of 2021.
- 3.11 On completion of the permanent extension the three mobile units on hire at Aldwyn will be removed.
- 3.12 Pressures to provide accommodation for pupils who have special educational needs are increasing and demand for places at Hawthorns School continues to increase. A further assessment of places required now indicates an additional need for further temporary accommodation - in addition to the £150,000 previously approved (see paragraph 3.8)
- 3.13 Panel is therefore requested to recommend to Executive Cabinet a further £150,000 from Basic Need to enable the Newbridge Academy Trust to obtain the accommodation directly. A formal grant agreement between the Council and the Academy Trust will be drawn up to this end.

RAG Status: RED

St John's CE Dukinfield

- 3.14 The scheme provides a two-classroom extension, increasing the school's intake from 30 to 45 throughout. This follows on from previous alterations to increase the numbers in KS1. Agreement was reached with the school, as a contingency plan, to reconfigure the use of the existing facilities to accommodate additional pupils from September 2018. A two-classroom mobile was provided over summer 2019 until the permanent extension can be completed.
- 3.15 Panel agreed costs totalling £1,343,000 for the scheme at its September meeting. Actual construction of the new permanent classrooms cannot begin until the contractual position has been resolved and work is taking place to urgently resolve this.

RAG Status: RED

Alder Community High School

- 3.16 The works increase pupil intake from 155 to 180 and are being procured through Pyramid Schools (now known as Albany), a PFI Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). Significant internal alterations were carried out over summer 2018 to enable the first year of additional pupils to be suitably accommodated. Over summer 2019 the SPV, through Elite Systems, provided a stand-alone four-classroom modular block.
- 3.17 The second and final phase of the works aims to connect the new block directly to the main school via a new covered link. Works to improve the security at the main entrance and also to provide external canopies to provide additional dining space also form part of the second phase. Costs are being finalised with the intention they will remain within budget estimates already approved.

RAG Status: AMBER

Hyde Community College

- 3.18 The scheme increases the school's intake from 210 to 240 and is being overseen by Amber Infrastructure, a PFI Special Purpose Vehicle. Work on the internal alterations commenced in August 2018 with the bulk completed by October 2018. Some internal works remain to be completed and it is anticipated these will be concluded over summer 2020.
- 3.19 Phase 2 of the works is to provide an additional five teaching spaces including two science laboratories. It is proposed to procure a modular classroom science block to be located at the rear of the school site. This will allow the former construction shed to be used as an additional indoor dining space as the existing central atrium becomes overcrowded at lunchtimes with the additional pupils on roll. In turn this will avoid having to construct a large and expensive canopy to provide external dining space. Final designs have been agreed with the school and the SPV and costs are currently being obtained.

RAG Status: AMBER

3.20 **Mossley Hollins High School**

The scheme increased the school's intake from 156 to 180 and a new four-classroom modular building was erected over the summer of 2018. Additional work to remodel a technology area was completed over summer 2019 and this brings to a close the work agreed to take place at this school.

- 3.21 Final costs are being agreed for both the summer 2019 works and the final phases of the 2018 works. The reduced costs result from carrying out a different strategy to create the additional accommodation than first envisaged. Current estimates suggest that £141,000 may be returned to the Basic Need fund to be used on other schemes and this is shown in Appendix 1.

3.22 Audenshaw School

Discussions have taken place with Audenshaw School to carry out internal remodelling so the school can offer additional places from September 2020. The school previously operated a sixth form and some remodelling of this area is proposed to create additional classrooms. Additional specialist science laboratory and food technology space is also required.

- 3.23 Stakeholders are now considering a series of options for building alterations and a more detailed update will be presented at the next meeting. Panel agreed a budget envelope of £1,000,000 for the scheme at its last meeting.

RAG Status: AMBER

3.24 Denton Community College

A new temporary six-classroom block with toilets and staff workroom was erected at the school during September 2019. In addition significant internal remodelling to create additional teaching spaces and address some suitability problems took place over summer 2019. Associated works to complete the two schemes are continuing. The Council has previously allocated £1,366,647 for these works and final costs should be available soon.

RAG Status: GREEN

3.25 West Hill School

The Council has previously allocated £100,000 for costs to develop a scheme to increase accommodation at the school. This is no longer going ahead and the £100,000 will be returned to the unallocated Basic Need Fund – shown in **Appendix 1**.

3.26 St Damian's School

The Council has previously allocated £100,000 for costs to develop a scheme to increase accommodation at the school. This is no longer going ahead and the £100,000 will be returned to the unallocated basic Need Fund – shown in **Appendix 1**.

3.27 All Saints High School

Discussions have been taking place with the school regarding the possibility of increasing the admission number. These discussions have identified around £5 million of urgent works required at the school – from the poor condition of many areas through to the lack of specialist facilities not least around sport and PE. The school has consulted and now agreed to increase its Published Admission Number for each of three years commencing in September 2021. A menu of options has been prepared for further discussion with the school as to which it wishes to take forward. The maximum investment that is proposed is £2 million and Panel is requested to allocate this sum from the funding previously ear-marked as Secondary School Improvement Fund.

3.28 St Thomas More RC High

This school has poor accommodation including a number of “temporary” structures. Again there is a willingness by the school to support the Council by offering to take 10 additional pupils in 2021 and 10 further in 2023. The school has particular problems with dining as the dining hall is very small for the pupil numbers passing through it. Outdoor sports provision is also badly affected because of the poor field drainage meaning pitches are unusable for much of the year. Discussions are continuing but at this stage it is proposed to allocate £134,000 of the Healthy Pupils Capital Funding to the school for improvements to sports and PE facilities at the school.

Special Provision Fund

3.29 Cromwell School and Rayner Stephens

Members of the Panel will know that Cromwell School and Rayner Stephens High School are co-located sharing some areas of the same building. In order to both support pupils of sixth form age to attend college nearer to home and reduce out of borough placements, there is a need to create and increase sixth form provision at Cromwell School and this was reported to Panel at its meetings in July and November 2019.

3.30 Rayner Stephens also has some accommodation problems which will be alleviated by some internal remodelling of existing teaching spaces. The Executive Cabinet agreed and increase in pupil numbers at the school from 150 to 180 in February 2017 and an allocation of £473,000 was agreed by this Panel to support the necessary work at the school.

3.31 An Executive Decision taken on 14 August 2019 agreed to grant Aspire Plus Education Trust (the trust that manages Rayner Stephens School) £55,000 to enable conversion of two classrooms for Cromwell to take place. The £55,000 was allocated from the Council's Special Provision Fund (see above). As such there is no effect on the Basic Need allocation and this is reported for information only.

3.32 The additional two classrooms are a temporary solution. It is proposed to develop longer-term provision for the Cromwell Sixth Form. Panel at its meeting on 25 November 2019 agreed to allocate £500,000 from the Special Provision Fund with an initial allocation of £100,000 from this for development of the scheme and more detailed designs and costs.

3.33 Colleagues are working with both schools to ensure that the increased places; remodelling and condition issues are addressed in the most cost effective and beneficial way for both schools.

3.34 It is likely that further schemes to address accommodation requirements in special schools and resource bases will be required and further details will be reported to the next meeting.

3.35 Virements and approval within approved budgets under £100,000 are approved under delegated authority in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

3.36 **Appendix 1** provides a financial update with details of Basic Need funding projects over £100,000, previously approved, including proposed changes to scheme funding.

3.37 School Condition Allocation (SCA) Schemes 2019/2020

The following sets out further detail about the larger schemes in the current year's capital programme.

3.38 **Appendix 2** provides a financial update with details of School Condition Allocation funded projects over £100k, previously approved, including proposed changes to scheme funding.

3.39 In order to develop an informed asset management plan for schools that remain under the Council's purview 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.

3.40 Inevitably the budget available is insufficient to meet the demands placed upon it and the surveyors were asked to identify priorities of the works required.

3.41 In addition to the works identified in the condition survey there are other calls on the School 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 SCA funding.

- 3.42 Despite the best laid plans emergencies do of course occur. It has been our practice to allocate £150,000 of the SCA as an in-year contingency to address any such issues.
- 3.43 As noted above the lack of a timely announcement on the level of SCA does not assist in planning the works to be carried out over the school summer holidays 2020.
- 3.44 The following table lists various health and safety issues that have been identified in the condition surveys along with the highest priority condition schemes-
- 3.45 It is proposed to allocate £10,000 for structural engineer's fees to carry out further investigations as recommended by the recent building condition surveys.
- 3.46 Several fire safety issues have been highlighted by the condition surveys and particular schemes are included in the table below. A further group of schemes will need to be developed to ensure schools meet their responsibilities on fire compartmentalisation, fire doors and similar aspects. It is proposed to set aside £100,000 from the condition allocation and further detail will be reported to a future meeting
- 3.47 A small sum is proposed to be set aside for works to give added protection to glass balustrade systems in three primary schools where these systems are present.
- 3.48 Panel previously agreed a budget to carry out upgrades to Millbrook Primary school's heat emitters. This work has not been carried out because the boiler was found to be at the end of its useful life. Asbestos is present and it makes sense to replace the boiler as the highest priority. Additional budget will be required to that already allocated and this is shown below.
- 3.49 Livingstone Primary School's roof is 100 years old and requires complete replacement. An initial estimate is included.
- 3.50 St Anne's is one of two schools with a public entrance that affords no secure protection for pupils and staff. The current entrance opens directly into a vestibule from which the main hall, a classroom and the school office are adjacent. The school has already paid for the architectural development of a scheme and planning has been submitted. The school is to contribute 50% of the costs of the scheme and Panel is asked to allocate £150,000 as the Council's contribution.
- 3.51 A figure of £50,000 has been set aside to carry out the remaining condition surveys and provide a budget for any additional surveys required during the year.
- 3.52 Gee Cross Holy Trinity is a Victorian building. One particular elevation suffers from serious water penetration. It retains single glazed metal windows. Water ingress is greatly evident with damp and mould present. It is proposed to address these issues out of this year's budget.
- 3.53 Broadbottom CE has been extended piece-meal over many years. The result is a very badly efficient mix of heating systems that are both expensive to run and which leave the school cold in many areas. It is proposed to replace the existing systems with a traditional gas-fired hot water boiler system and pipes. This first phase aims to look at the gas supply and boiler. Further phases will be required in future years.
- 3.54 The costs shown in the table below are broad estimates and further work is now required to design and narrow down the costs on each of the schemes. Further reports will be brought to future meetings. By agreeing the recommended schemes below work can

commence on further design and testing, for example of asbestos, where appropriate.

School	Scheme	Type of Scheme	Estimated Cost
Various	Contingency		£150,000
Various	Structural Engineer	Health and Safety	10,000
Arlies Primary	Replace fire alarm	Health & Safety	25,000
The Heys Primary	Add CO Detection	Health & Safety	10,000
Fairfield Primary	Replace obsolete fire alarm panel	Health & Safety	10,000
Various	Glass balustrade protection works	H&Safety	10,000
Various	Fire safety works	Condition	100,000
Millbrook Primary School	Replace boilers and heat emitters	Condition	50,000 (additional to existing budget)
Livingstone Primary	Replace roof	Condition	250,000
St Anne's Denton	Secure entrance	Health & Safety	£150,000 contribution
Various	Further surveys	Condition	50,000
Gee Cross Holy Trinity	Gable end water ingress and windows	Condition	20,000
Broadbottom CE	Gas supply and boiler Phase 1	Condition	100,000
Buckton Vale Primary School	Replace roof	Condition	200,000
TOTAL COSTS			1,135,000

3.55 Panel is requested to delegate powers to the Assistant Director of Education to approve schemes in the order shown above up to the amount of School Condition Allocation grant for 2020-21 and any unallocated funding from previous years plus any S106 receipts.

3.56 A further update will be reported to future meetings of panel.

3.57 A summary of the major schemes within the current programme is provided below:

3.58 Hollingworth Primary School – Kitchen and Dining Block and Re-wire

The new dining hall and kitchen, which was procured directly by the DfE, opened to pupils in September 2019. The Council was required to contribute to the costs of the new dining hall and as discussed at previous meetings of the Panel additional costs were incurred because of a requirement to boost the electricity supply to the whole site.

3.59 These additional costs have been reported to previous meetings of Panel. Work is continuing with the DfE to agree final costs on the scheme – and the Council's final contribution. A further report will be made to the Panel when final agreement has been reached with the DfE.

3.60 In tandem with the works to the new kitchen, the school's entire electrical system – small power, lighting and fire-alarms have also been replaced and this work was completed in December 2019. Final costs for the re-wire were reported to and approved at the November 2019 meeting of the Panel.

3.61 Russell Scott Primary School

Following heavy rainfall over summer 2019 which caused significant damage to the roof and compromised internal systems, emergency repair works were carried out to enable

the school to open on time and operate safely. A programme of monitoring and management has been put in place along with further additional emergency works with the school to provide assurance of the continuing safety and functionality of the buildings, pending a permanent solution until the end of the current academic year. Any ongoing repairs works which need to be carried out in the meantime will be funded through the School Condition budget.

3.62 The next stage is for the Council to undertake an options appraisal which will determine the cost of the full refurbishment of the school and lifecycle costings against the cost of constructing an equivalent size new school building.

3.63 Therefore the following professional services need to be procured in order to provide the appropriate level of information and detail.(These are currently with STAR procurement who are leading on the tendering process to provide a suitably qualified and experienced architect/building surveyor)

- A full up to date defects report of the school buildings;
- Outline specifications and cost estimates of all works required to bring the school up to an appropriate long-term standard including the production of all documentation that would be necessary in order to tender this work. In addition the cost of temporary accommodation (if required)
- Outline specifications and cost estimates to design and construct new school buildings including the associated cost of demolition and the production of all documentation that would be necessary in order to tender this construction work. In addition the cost of temporary accommodation (if required)
- Lifecycle costings for both the existing school fully repaired and for an equivalent new school over a 25 year period
- Appropriate governance and procurement processes for the various stages of this work are now in place through a Project Board process. Once the options appraisal report has been completed it will be presented via the appropriate political process for a decision on the way forward.

3.64 **Pupil Referral Units – Elmbridge and Whitebridge Colleges**

Following recent inspections of the two schools a number of urgent works were identified. These include replacing a variety of doors, creating more secure entrance areas, boxing-in of some balcony areas and a range of works to design-out areas vulnerable to vandalism. The alterations as well as contributing to pupils' health and safety will also ensure that pupil management and staff safety can be improved. The costs for a wide range of alterations total £50,000 and Panel is requested to approve this expenditure from the amount of school condition contingency currently unallocated

3.65 **Asbestos Management Surveys**

As previously reported new asbestos management surveys have now been completed.

3.66 Although the surveys have identified no urgent or major issues the surveyors have identified a need to renew encapsulation of some asbestos or in other cases carry out removal of asbestos-containing materials based on survey recommendations. Because of the potential consequences of not carrying out these works they have been ordered from the LEP.

3.67 There is £96,000 of budget already set-aside for the asbestos work – this was previously included in the section of the report in Appendix 2 that lists schemes under £100,000. The costs of removing or encapsulating even small areas are considerable. A

specification which is used as a basis to tender the works is developed but even so in two recent cases where removal and/or encapsulation was recommended costs have been of the order of £10,000 for each school. Costs to complete the remaining surveys have also increased since the pilot surveys back in 2017. A review of costs already committed for asbestos works has identified a further £25,000 of work required to that already approved in the budget. On top of this there remain recommendations to carry out to remove or encapsulate asbestos at schools more recently surveyed. It is proposed to allocate a further £100,000 from the unallocated SCA funding to carry out this work and this is shown in **Appendix 2**.

4 PROCUREMENT AND ADDED VALUE

- 4.1 In accordance with Council policy, all capital projects are procured through the Tameside Investment Partnership unless Cabinet agrees otherwise – a Local Education Partnership (LEP) subject to a price for uncosted risks being agreed prior to the contract being let or work agreed. Alterations to PFI schools are procured through the PFI contracts.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Following the Council's Executive Cabinet decision on 20 June 2018 to review the current arrangements with the LEP there will be a need to ensure that a longer term sustainable solution for the delivery of the Education Capital Programme forms part of the consideration of that review.
- 4.4 Some smaller schemes are procured directly through the Council's Engineering Design & Delivery, and Disabled Adaptation teams, or through the Tameside Works First initiative for local businesses.
- 4.5 Capital projects at Voluntary Aided schools are generally procured directly by the relevant governing body and diocese as they own the buildings.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The specific risks and mitigation plans, associated with each of the projects, have been identified in the main section of the report.
- 5.2 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.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 As set out at the front of the report

APPENDIX 1

Basic Need Funding Schemes - Financial Update

The table below provides details of Basic Need funded projects, previously approved, including requirements for additional funding.

BASIC NEED SCHEMES	Existing 2019/20 Scheme Budget	Existing 2020/21 Scheme Budget	Re-profiling requested at P10	2019/20 Budget following re-profile
Aldwyn Primary School	1,394,000	1,400,000	(1,044,000)	350,000
Denton Community College	1,370,000	0	(310,000)	1,060,000
St John's CE Dukinfield	1,343,000	0	(1,203,000)	140,000
Hyde Community College	1,235,000	300,000	(735,000)	500,000
Alder Community High School	1,188,000	500,000	(558,000)	630,000
Audenshaw High School	1,000,000	0	(950,000)	50,000
Mossley Hollins High School	361,000	0	0	361,000
Hawthorns Primary Academy	180,000	0	(30,000)	150,000
St Thomas Moore	100,000	0	(100,000)	0
West Hill High School	100,000	0	0	100,000
Cromwell	100,000	0	(100,000)	0
St Damian's High School	100,000	0	0	100,000
All Saints High School	100,000	0	(90,000)	10,000
St Georges Mossley	34,000	0	0	34,000
Rayner Stephens Academy	0	473,000	0	0
Secondary School Improvements	0	2,717,524	0	0
Total	8,605,000	5,390,524	(5,120,000)	3,485,000

BASIC NEED SCHEMES	Existing 2019/20 Scheme Budget	2020/21 Budget	Proposed Changes	Total Scheme Budget
Aldwyn Primary School	350,000	2,444,000	0	2,794,000
Denton Community College	1,060,000	310,000	0	1,370,000
St John's CE Dukinfield	140,000	1,203,000	0	1,343,000
Hyde Community College	500,000	1,035,000	0	1,535,000
Alder Community High School	630,000	1,058,000	0	1,688,000
Audenshaw High School	50,000	950,000	0	1,000,000
Mossley Hollins High School	361,000	0	(141,000)	220,000
Hawthorns Primary Academy	150,000	30,000	150,000	330,000
St Thomas Moore	0	100,000	0	100,000
West Hill High School	100,000	0	(100,000)	0
Cromwell	0	100,000	0	100,000
St Damian's High School	100,000	0	(100,000)	0
All Saints High School	10,000	90,000	0	100,000
St Georges Mossley	34,000	0	0	34,000
Rayner Stephens Academy	0	473,000	0	473,000
Secondary School Improvements	0	2,717,524	191,000	2,908,524
Total	3,485,000	10,510,524	0	13,995,524

APPENDIX 1A**Special Provision Fund**

SEND PROVISION SCHEMES	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget	Proposed Changes	Total Scheme Budget
Cromwell	0	0	500,000	500,000
Rayner Stephens	55,000	0	0	55,000
Total	55,000	0	500,000	555,000

APPENDIX 1B**Healthy Pupils' Capital Fund**

HPCF SCHEME	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget	Proposed Changes	Total Scheme Budget
St Thomas Moore	0	0	134,000	134,000

APPENDIX 2

School Condition Allocation Schemes - Financial Update

The table below provides details of School Condition Allocation funded projects over £100k, previously approved, including requirements for additional funding.

SCHOOL CONDITION SCHEMES	Existing 2019/20 Scheme Budget	Existing 2020/21 Scheme Budget	Re- profiling requested at P10	2019/20 Budget following re-profile
Hollingworth Primary	340,000	0	0	340,000
Russell Scott Primary	320,000	0	(220,000)	100,000
St Anne's Denton Primary	200,000	0	0	200,000
Stalyhill Infants	153,000	0	0	153,000
Stock Condition Survey	100,000	0	0	100,000
School Condition Related Works Contingency	100,000	0	0	100,000
Other Schemes Individually below £100K	791,000	0	(173,000)	618,000
Total	2,004,000	0	(393,000)	1,611,000

SCHOOL CONDITION SCHEMES	2019/20 Budget following re-profile	2020/21 Budget	Proposed Changes	Total Scheme Budget
Hollingworth Primary	340,000	0	0	340,000
Russell Scott Primary	100,000	220,000	0	100,000
St Anne's Denton Primary	200,000	0	3,000	203,000
Stalyhill Infants	153,000	0	0	153,000
Stock Condition Survey	100,000	0	0	100,000
School Condition Related Works Contingency	100,000	0	0	100,000
Other Schemes Individually below £100K	618,000	173,000	24,000	815,000
Total	1,611,000	393,000	27,000	2,031,000