

Report to:	STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL
Date:	22 November 2021
Executive Member:	Councillor Leanne Feeley – Executive Member (Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage) Councillor Oliver Ryan – Executive Member (Finance and Growth)
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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:	That the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring be recommended to recommend to Executive Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The proposed changes to return (£208,000) the Basic Need funding as detailed in paragraph 2.2. (ii) The proposed changes to return (£104,500) the School Condition funding as detailed in paragraph 2.7. (iii) Contributions from schools of £90,000 to be added to the programme and replace the condition funding as detailed in paragraph 2.9.
Corporate Plan:	The proposals contained in this report will support the delivery of the Corporate Plan.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	<p>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. Increases have not been factored into the cost of existing schemes at this stage. This will need to be closely monitored across all schemes.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Appendix 1 includes details of all current schemes, which have been previously approved and are included in the Council's capital programme. This appendix identifies the proposed changes at scheme level.</p> <p>Work still needs to be undertaken to establish how best to utilise the unallocated High Needs Provision Capital funding.</p>
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough	This report is intended to provide the Panel with the opportunity to review the progress made on the capital education growth

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programme with a particular emphasis on delivery and value for money.

Section 2 is intended to assist members in understanding both financial and other changes to the project.

This report is not seeking any decisions in relation to any of the issues or projects detailed in this report as they are subject to their own due diligence, governance and decision making.

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 Paul Smith, Assistant Director Strategic Property.



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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.

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**.

Basic Need Funding	Amount £
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	10,173,708
Hawthorns Provisionally Approved**	12,462,200
Proposed Changes	(208,000)
Unallocated Funding	5,172,788

** Please refer to paragraph 2.3 for further information

- 2.2. Proposed changes to the schemes are as follows:

Scheme	Amount £	Comments
Hawthorns Primary Academy	(208,400)	This funding is no longer required and it is proposed to return it to the Basic Need unallocated pot.
Ravensfield Primary School	(20,100)	This funding is no longer required and it is proposed to return it to the Basic Need unallocated pot.
Place Planning	10,500	A pupil-forecasting tool to undertake future place planning for schools.
Mossley Hollins	10,000	Extension of the schools PA system to the additional block that was added to the school in 2018.
Total Proposed Changes	(208,000)	

- 2.3. Plans will be developed with schools to utilise the unallocated funds to provide additional capacity requirements.
- 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**. This scheme is supported through Basic Need, Special Provision and High Needs Provision grant funding.

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 1**.

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	2,717,813
Proposed Changes	(104,500)
Contributions from Schools	90,000
Unallocated Funding	301,379

- 2.7. Proposed changes to the schemes are as follows;

Scheme	Amount £	Comments
Arlies Primary	19,500	The original budget was a high level estimate with the intention to carry out the works over summer 21. Additional asbestos was discovered which notification was given to the HSE which delayed the programme. The asbestos removal needs to take place at half terms, including Christmas leading to additional costs.
Gorse Hall Primary	(14,000)	Final costs total £86,000 and it is proposed the £14,000 is returned to the unallocated Condition funding
Greswell	(10,000)	The school funded the works themselves and the money can be returned to condition funding
Holy Trinity Gee Cross Primary	(50,000)	Budget was requested twice in error
Hurst Knoll Primary	(37,000)	Final costs total £63,000 and it is proposed the £37,000 is returned to the unallocated Condition funding
Ravensfield Primary	(3,000)	This funding is no longer required and it is proposed to return it to the Condition unallocated pot.
St Peters RC Primary	(10,000)	Costs under the school diminimus level (£10,000) and will be covered by the school
Total Proposed Changes	(104,500)	

- 2.8. 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.
- 2.9. 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. It is requested that these contributions be added to the capital programme. This relates to the following schools:

Arlies Primary	10,000
Audenshaw Primary	10,000
Broadbent Fold	10,000
Fairfield Road Primary	10,000
Gorse Hall Primary	10,000
Holy Trinity Gee Cross Primary	10,000
Hurst Knoll Primary	10,000
Milton St Johns Primary	10,000
Stalyhill Infants	10,000
Total	90,000

Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) Funding

- 2.10. 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.
- 2.11. The DFE has confirmed that 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

- 2.12. 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.
- 2.13. 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 1**.

Special Provision Allocation Funding	Amount £
Funding Brought Forward	997,407
Approved Schemes	997,342
Unallocated Funding	66

High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA)

- 2.14. The High Needs Provision Capital Allocation is provided to local authorities as a non-ring-fenced 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 1**.

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

Section 106 Developer Contributions

- 2.17. 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.
- 2.18. 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.

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: Improvement to rear external steps. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
 Programme: Works now scheduled October - December 2021
 Budget: £109,800 Approved
 Remaining Issues: – Works were originally planned for summer 2021 but are 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 (the PFI Co finally agreeing a separate Deed was not required) but not in time to meet the original programme. Agreement has been reached with the school to commence works at half term to minimise disruption.
- 3.5. **Alder: Link covered walkway between main school and new 4-classroom block. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
 Programme: Works now scheduled October 2021 – January 2022
 Budget: £144,125 Approved
 Remaining Issues: – Works were originally planned for summer 2021 but are progressing late. As with the rear steps project (3.4 above), the lengthy discussions with the PFI Co Lender over whether the works could proceed without a Deed of Variation delayed the tendering process. Agreement has been reached with the school to commence works at half term to minimise disruption.

3.6. Alder: Deed of Variation. RAG STATUS: AMBER

The PFI Lender requires a Deed of Variation to cover the various changes made to the accommodation at the school over the last two years. Crucially they will not allow the building of the new front entrance (see paragraph 3.7) until this Deed is agreed.

Budget: £614,540 total remaining budget for the deed of variation and the secure front entrance below in paragraph 3.7. Estimated costs £25,000 for the SPV Project Co Legal fees and a further £22,000 for SPV Lenders' legal fees.

Remaining Issues: The completion of the DoV on the accommodation changes is now dependant on agreement being reached over a further Deed of Variation around the red-line boundary of the school. Although progress is being made on the red-line boundary, the PFI Lender requires this to be in place before they will complete the DoV on the accommodation changes.

3.7. 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 dependent on a signed Deed of Variation being in place (paragraph 3.6) – a requirement of the PFI Co Lenders.

Budget: £614,540 total remaining budget for the deed of variation above in paragraph 3.6 and the secure front entrance. At the time of writing (8/10/21), 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 but this cannot be produced until agreement is reached on the Deed of Variation for the changes to the accommodation (para 3.6).

3.8. 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: Along with roof replacement, there were delays to beam & block flooring over summer. Robertson is working to streamline the remaining programme to ensure completion date is not affected. No change to completion yet reported. Following completion of the works the three temporary classrooms will need to be removed from site and the playground returned to its original condition.

3.9. All Saints Catholic College– works to sports and other facilities to support additional places. RAG STATUS: GREEN

Programme: The works will be overseen by the Shrewsbury Diocese. The school have considered their priorities and are working on a programme of works over the next 18 months concentrating on extending PE and dining facilities. 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: A meeting has taken place with the school, the Diocese and Project Managers. A report is being considered by Executive Cabinet on 24 November 2021 to enter into a grant agreement for £258,890 for Phase One of the work to extend PE facilities and create a dance studio. Further phases will follow governance procedures to recommend grant agreements.

3.10. Audenshaw School: Remodelling of sixth form and expansion of science areas. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED

Programme: Works were completed over the school summer holidays.

Budget: £1.167m approved.

Remaining Issues: Snagging has now been completed. Further collapsed drainage was found during works; further discussion may be required however this is a condition (rather than a Basic Need) issue.

- 3.11. **Cromwell: Expansion of Sixth Form Provision. RAG STAUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Phase 2 Works were completed over the school summer holidays. A further Phase 3 may be required to be carried out over summer 2022
Budget: £500,000 approved (Special Provision Grant).
Remaining Issues: Snagging has been completed. Garage glazing could not be installed in summer due to lack of supply, and so will be replaced one supply is available. 9Temporary glazing installed for now). A further Phase to complete the sixth form provision may need to take place over summer 2022 and a space utilisation survey will take place to assess the need. A further report detailing costs and programme may be presented to a future meeting.
- 3.12. **Denton Community College: Provision of 6-classroom modular teaching block, internal remodelling and associated works. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: The internal remodelling and six-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. A further meeting with the school, Robertson and Amber took place on 27 September to agree how to take these items forward. A further report will be presented to Executive Cabinet when final costs and programme are known.
Budget: £288,000 remaining
Remaining Issues: Completion of outstanding items.
- 3.13. **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.
Remaining Issues: Victorious Academies Trust are consulting on opening the resource base at Greenside Primary School and the grant agreement will follow the outcome of the consultation.
- 3.14. **Hawthorns Primary Academy New school building. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: New school building planned. The first step is to produce designs to RIBA Stage 3 and this was approved at June 2021 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 was previously agreed that the RIBA Stage 3 costs are supported by Special Provision and High Needs Provision funding.
Remaining Issues: Significant design work and consultation is continuing to a very tight timescale. Further information is required relating to the revenue implications as discussed at paragraph 2.4 to enable recommendations to be made on delivery options as part of a further report to Executive Cabinet . Further updates will also be presented in future reports to Panel.
- 3.15. **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. The planning application was validated on 13.8.21 and a decision is expected shortly.
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.
- 3.16. **Oakfield Primary Extended Resource Base part of the Special Educational Needs Strategy. RAG STATUS: COMPLETE**
Programme: Works were carried out over the school summer holidays as part of the Grant Agreement

Budget: £153,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: None

3.17. **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: Stamford Park Trust are considering options to improve the school. New leadership team at the school are now involved. Finalisation of grant agreement

3.18. **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. (AMBER)

3.19. **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. The scheme is progressing with a target date for completion of December 2021.

Budget: £275,000 approved (which includes £141,000 Basic Need Funding and £134,000 Healthy Pupils' Capital Funding).

Remaining Issues: None

3.20. **Mossley Hollins High School RAG STATUS: RED (costs)**

Panel will recall that a four-classroom block was added at the school in 2018. There is now a need to extend the school's PA system to this additional block. Actual costs are being obtained but Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet that a high-level budget of £10,000 be allocated from Basic Need to fund this work.

3.21. **Pupil forecasting system**

In order for Tameside to undertake forecasting for place planning, a pupil-forecasting tool is procured. This is vital to ensure accurate planning and Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet that the annual cost of £10,500 be allocated from Basic Need to allow this vital work to be completed.

4. SCHOOL CONDITION GRANT SCHEMES

4.1. **Appendix 1** 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 a contingency allocation of which there is £139,800 remaining for this financial year. Emergency repairs to the roof at Aldwyn costing £7,000 have been expended and now leaves the contingency budget at £132,800.
- 4.6. An allocation of £43,000 for TMBC project management costs in relation to SCA schemes (which will be allocated against the relevant schemes) was approved at July 2021 Panel and Cabinet
- 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: Roof replacement was delayed during summer due to unavailability of sub-contractors and inclement weather. Works commenced on 23/08/21 and will complete after 13 weeks.
- 4.9. **Arlies Primary: Removal of redundant mobile block and making good. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works were completed over the school summer holidays as planned.
Budget: £58,000 approved. Actual costs were £22,375.
Remaining Issues: Panel is requested to recommend to Executive Cabinet that the £35,625 underspend on this budget be reallocated to the asbestos removal programme at this school – see paragraph 4.11.
- 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 to all circulation areas of the school and the boiler house took place over summer 2021. Further works to remove asbestos in classroom ceilings is scheduled to take place at October half term, Christmas 2021, February half term 2022, Easter and Whit 2022. It is clear that the complexity of the works and the need to use every available school holiday period including Christmas means that the original estimate is insufficient.
Budget: £130,200 approved. To date £100,830 expended. At the time of writing further costs for the remaining phases of the scheme are awaited. Firm costs for the removal of asbestos in two classrooms at October half term have been received (£29,450). An estimate of £90,000 for works to the remaining classrooms, offices, toilet areas and entrance lobby will see the scheme through to completion. Panel is requested to recommend to Executive Cabinet that the £35,625 underspend on the demolition of the mobile at this school is reallocated to further asbestos removal at the school. In addition, a further £54,455 of unallocated SCA be earmarked for this scheme taking the total predicted asbestos removal

costs to £220,280.

Remaining Issues: Completion of asbestos removal programme.

- 4.12. **Audenshaw Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works to the lath and plaster ceilings were completed on schedule over the school summer holidays.
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 will now be installed around October half term to reduce disruption to the school.
- 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. Tenders are currently being sought with works expected to start at February half term 2022.
Remaining Issues: Completion of Phase 2 works in 2022
- 4.14. **Fairfield Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works were completed over the school summer holidays.
Budget: £140,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.15. **Fairfield Primary: Full school re-wire. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works were completed over the summer holidays ahead of schedule.
Budget: £250,000 approved. Tenders were returned to the value of £249,934.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.16. **Gee Cross Holy Trinity CE Primary: Lath and plaster ceilings. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works were completed during the school summer holidays.
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 the works to the lath and plaster ceilings took priority and meant that this could not go ahead as planned.
Budget: £120,280 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: COMPLETED**
Programme: Works were completed in early September 2021
Budget: £20,300 approved for works at this and two other schools (Lyndhurst and Ravensfield).
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.20. **Gorse Hall Primary: Gas 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: The works were included as part of a wider decarbonisation scheme that

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. The flat roof defects have been remedied by the original sub-contractor, over the October 2021 half-term holidays and a further survey will be undertaken of the repaired roof in early November 2021. Once it is confirmed that there are no remaining defects, the remaining solar panels will be installed. An additional measure is the fitting of an air-source heat pump which was awaiting planning permission. This was granted on 6 October 2021 and the air source heat pump has been installed over October 2021 half term.

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

Programme: Works to replace the gas boiler were completed over the school summer holidays.

Budget: £100,000 approved. Final costs for the gas boiler replacement and associated works total £63,000. The scheme includes several decarbonisation measures funded separately. Panel is asked to recommend to Executive Cabinet that the £37,000 underspend be returned to the general SCA budget.

Remaining Issues: The wider decarbonisation project includes LED lighting, cavity insulation and new double-glazing. These works have been delayed because of difficulties in the supply chain for materials. The LED lighting was partially installed over the summer break and is being completed over the October 2021 break. Similarly the installation of an air-source heat pump was awaiting planning permission (which was granted on 6 October 2021). The installation of the air source heat pump has been completed over the October half term. Prices are in the process of being obtained for the replacement windows and a programme for the installation will be agreed with the school. Once the windows have been replaced the insulation works can be completed.

4.22. Lyndhurst Primary: Glass balustrade replacement. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED

Programme: Works were carried out over the school summer holidays.

Budget: £20,300 approved for works at this and two other schools (Gee Cross and Ravensfield).

Remaining Issues: None

4.23. 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.

4.24. Oakdale School: Roof – investigation and specification. RAG STATUS: AMBER

Programme: A survey is planned over October half term.

Budget: A high-level budget of £5,000 approved.

Remaining Issues: Further report to a future Panel for consideration of any works identified during 2022/23.

4.25. Ravensfield Primary: Glass balustrade replacement. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED

Programme: Works took place over the school summer holidays.

Budget: £20,300 approved for works at this and two other schools (Gee Cross and Lyndhurst).

Remaining Issues: None

4.26. Russell Scott Primary: Funding for further emergency works pending the resolution of the options appraisal on the future development of the school. RAG STATUS: RED

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. However, funding to replace the school is not yet available and talks are ongoing with the DfE.

- 4.27. **St Anne's Primary Denton – Front entrance extension. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: St Anne's has very poor entrance and visitor reception arrangements. The project improves the situation by means of a new extension which will provide better visitor management arrangements to the school. Disabled toilet facilities, currently lacking at the school, will also be provided.
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.
- 4.28. 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. To facilitate this additional surveys will be carried out in November 2021, to confirm the cost of the scheme. A further report will be presented to Executive Cabinet when the full costs of the scheme are finalised.
- 4.29. Remaining Issues: Entering into full contract.
- 4.30. **St Peter's RC Primary Stalybridge: Disabled adaptation. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Remodelling of a former storeroom into a medical room to support a pupil with specialist needs are now scheduled to take place over October half term.
Budget: £10,000 previously approved. Costs to carry out the scheme have now been received and are £7,800 plus VAT. As schools must now fund the first £10,000 of any work, no additional contribution is required from SCA. Panel is requested to recommend to Executive Cabinet that the £10,000 SCA previously allocated be returned to the general SCA.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.31. **Stalyhill Infants: Complete roof replacement. RAG STATUS: GREEN**
Programme: Works commenced in August 2021 with completion scheduled by Christmas 2021.
Budget: £280,000 approved. Following tender returns, the cost of the works is £273,000.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.32. **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 over the exact requirements and scope of the scheme.
Budget: £15,000 approved.
Remaining Issues: Rescheduling of the works.
- 4.33. **Asbestos management Surveys – Survey of locations inaccessible when original surveys carried out. RAG STATUS: AMBER**
Programme: Summer 2021. Six of the 23 schools requiring re-visits were completed over summer with the remainder now to follow over the school holidays up to and including Easter.
Budget: £42,000 approved and costs will be well within budget.
Remaining Issues: None
- 4.34. **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
- 4.35. **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.

4.36. **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 1** provides a financial update of the current Special Provision and Healthy Pupils' capital funded projects, including proposed changes to scheme funding.

6. HIGH NEEDS PROVISION CAPITAL FUND

- 6.1. **Appendix 1** 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: GREEN**

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. High Needs Provision Capital Funding, like Basic Need may be allocated to academies if this contributes to providing the specialist provision required. Details of the proposed work will be taken to Cabinet on the 24 November for approval. Once the grant agreement is approved and processed the school can proceed with the work.

Budget: £23,000 previously approved.

Remaining Issues: None.

6.3. **Corrie Primary School. RAG STATUS: COMPLETED**

Programme: The school has established a resource base for ten children with Education, Health and Care Plans from September 2021. The accommodation has been re-purposed for the provision was some remodelling was required to make it fit for purpose and safe for children. The work is now complete and the school will be reimbursed £20,000 for the work as previously approved.

Budget: £20,000 previously approved.

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.