

EXECUTIVE BOARD – 17th May 2016

Subject:	School Condition Funding Allocations for 2016 - 2017		
Corporate Director:	Alison Michalska, Corporate Director for Children and Adults		
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Sam Webster, Portfolio Holder for Schools		
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Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reasons: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision			<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital
Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Total value of the decision: £1,544,179			
Wards affected: Leen Valley, Sherwood, Arboretum, Clifton North, Bestwood.	Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder: 25.04.16		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:			
Strategic Regeneration and Development			<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services			<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector			<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years			<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture			<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
<p>The Department for Education (DfE) have announced the School Condition Funding for the financial year 2016-2017. An amount of £1.544 million has been allocated to improve the condition of school buildings maintained by Nottingham City Council (NCC).</p> <p>This report identifies how the grant will be prioritised to meet the needs of the schools maintained by the Council and seeks approvals for procuring and managing the works effectively.</p>			
Exempt information: None			
Recommendation(s):			
1 To approve the allocation of the School Condition funding, totalling £1.544 million to the schemes as set out in appendix A, noting that £0.207m is set aside as a contingency fund.			
2 To amend the Capital Programme to include the additional £1.544 million received as part of the grant.			
3 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Children and Adults to allocate contingency funding to projects as health and safety or condition issues arise during 2016/17 and to adjust the funding allocation for each scheme once cost and survey information is received, subject to value for money being demonstrated and costs being within the overall budget allocated for this programme of works.			
4 To appoint NCC Design Services to design, procure and manage the schemes.			
5 To approve the procurement of the works through the East Midlands Property Alliance (EMPA) framework - an OJEU (the Official Journal of the European Union) compliant			

framework.

6 To delegate authority to the Head of Legal Services to sign contracts with the preferred contractors following procurement exercises to allow schemes to be delivered.

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The prioritisation of the funding is based on advice received from the Council's Design Services team and external specialist contractors. There are two areas where funding has been prioritised:
- Health and safety issues likely to impact on children and staff.
 - Condition issues likely to impact on the operation of the school.
- 1.2 The balance of the funding for the School Condition grant has been identified as part of the prioritisation process and £0.207 million will be held as a contingency amount to deal with urgent health and safety or condition issues that arise during the financial 2016/17. Delegating authority to the Corporate Director for Children and Adults to approve these schemes will enable a swift response to urgent issues as they arise.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Department for Education (DfE) have announced the School Condition Funding for the financial year 2016-2017. An amount of £1.544 million has been allocated to improve the condition of school buildings maintained by Nottingham City Council.
- 2.2 This report identifies how the grant will be prioritised to meet the needs of the schools maintained by the Council.
- 2.3 The highest priorities relate to health and safety requirements, for example, where work is required to address the risk of asbestos. The next priorities are those condition issues that mean school buildings are not weather proof or that they are not warm in winter. This could include schools that require roof replacement, windows, boilers, heating pipes and electrical infrastructure.
- 2.4 The overall condition liability for schools in the City is significantly greater than the funding available and there is insufficient funding to complete all the necessary works to ensure all schools will not be at risk from inclement weather. To ensure the most urgent schemes are taken forward, a further prioritisation has taken place in consultation with external specialist contractors that takes into consideration the immediacy of the risk to the school.
- 2.5 The grant allocation relates to Local Authority schools only. Academies are able to apply for a maintenance grant directly from the DfE.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Consideration was given to combine the Condition funding and the Basic Need funding. If combined, this funding could be used to address the shortfall in school places across the City.

- 3.2 Consideration was also given to amalgamating the Condition grant with broader City Council capital funding.
- 3.3 Both of these options were rejected as they would leave schools at risk of closure through health and safety or condition issues. It would also mean that school buildings would continue to deteriorate, increasing the risk of forced closures for emergency repairs in the future.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 School Condition funding has been confirmed by the DfE for 2016/17, it is proposed to allocate £1.544m of the grant to the works referred to in this report. The schemes detailed in Appendix A can be completed within this funding allocation and will be added to the capital programme.
- 4.2 The capital programme will be amended to reflect the additional funding and allocation to the schemes as set out in Appendix A.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND INCLUDING LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 There are no significant procurement concerns with the recommendations set out in the report. The award of works internally to NCC's Design Services is in line with the Council's Constitution and the EMPA Framework Agreements provide a compliant route for the works to be undertaken. Any further requirements that fall outside of this arrangement will be need to be procured in-line with Procurement Regulation 2015 and supported by the procurement team.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISIONS RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE)

- 6.1 As these are Nottingham City Council owned Schools there are no strategic property implications other than those undertaken by Design Services.

6.2 Internal resources:

The series of projects will be managed by a Project Manager reporting to Programme Manager within Major Programmes.

Design Services, under the Commercial & Operations Department will provide professional consultants as required to deliver the project including architecture, structural, mechanical, electrical and quantity surveying services. They will also provide a design challenge service, assisting clients and providing a support service to review and quality assure the design process. The quantity surveyor will act as the contract administrator; this responsibility includes the validation of any change requests, verifying the costs for the project and managing the project budget.

Design Services will also assist the client team in their duties under the Construction and Design Management Regulations (CDM) 2015, including the assembly of pre-construction information.

7 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The works will be carried by accessing the East Midlands Property Alliance (EMPA) framework which offer a compliant route to market and provide value for money for the Council.
- 7.2 Social considerations were taken into account when establishing the framework agreements.
- 7.3 With regard to the EMPA frameworks, approximately 85% of the works are sub-contracted out to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and there are no barriers to entry with this sector. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are also captured in relation to local spend, employment and skills plans and payments made to sub-contractors within 30 days of receipting the invoice for the works.

8 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION

- 8.1 There are no implications on the NHS constitution.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 9.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

An EIA is not required because:
(Please explain why an EIA is not necessary)

Yes
Attached as Appendix B, and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

10 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)

- 10.1 None

11 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

- 11.1 None

12 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT

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