

## Education Capital

<b>Schools' Forum Date</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
<b>Type of Decision</b>	For information
<b>Background Documents</b>	N/A
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<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To update the Forum
<b>Key Recommendations</b>	That the position be noted
<b>Resource Implications</b>	Total grant value for the 2018/19 Children and Families Capital Programmes is £33,320 million

### 1 Capital Spend.

The revised annual budget for the 2019/20 Children & Families capital programme is £28.015 million. The financial year spend as at the end of July 2019 was £5.616 million.

The 2019/20 Children & Families Capital Programme, was approved by County Council on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019. A copy of the programme is shown below. The overall budget for the programme is £45,163 million and is funded from Basic Need and School Condition Grant from central government, Section 106 contributions secured from housing developments and school contributions.

### 2019/20 Capital Programme

Scheme Name	Budget £000	Funding			
		School Contribution £000	S106 Contribution £000	Basic Need Grant £000	School Condition Allocation £000
		Capital Maintenance Programme 19/20	2,875	575	0
Miscellaneous property works	700	0	0	700	0
Bishops Cleeve area primary places	8,000	0	0	8,000	0
Bourton-on-the-Water Primary expansion	1,000	0	0	1,000	0
St. David's Primary expansion	1,500	0	1,200	300	0
Slimbridge Primary expansion	350	0	0	350	0
Tidenham area primary provision	1,500	0	0	1,500	0
Warden Hill Primary expansion	5,500	0	0	3,000	2,500
Winchcombe Abbey Primary expansion	1,500	0	0	1,500	0
Winchcombe area primary provision	4,000	0	0	4,000	0
Cheltenham Secondary growth	700	0	0	700	0
The Cotswold School expansion	3,500	0	0	3,500	0
Winchcombe Secondary expansion	2,000	0	119	1,881	0
Specialist Provision	5,000	0	0	5,000	0
Basic Need Provision 19/20	1,500	0	0	1,500	0
Basic Need Grant 2020/21	5,441	0	0	5,441	0
Schools Condition Allocation 2019/20	97	0	0	0	97
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>45,163</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>38,372</b>	<b>4,897</b>

## **2. New SEMH Special School**

Gloucestershire County Council's Draft SEND Commissioning Strategy 2019-24, arising from the Council's High Needs Strategy identifies the need for additional special school places for children and young people with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. To enable the local authority to provide high quality school places for children and young people with SEMH needs locally, the local authority is planning to provide a new purpose built facility offering 75 places. The proposal for the new school will be considered at the next Cabinet meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. If approved, this will reduce the Council's reliance on the Independent/non-maintained special school sector, saving an estimated £1.5 million annually in placements costs and £360,000 in transport costs.

The estimated cost of providing the new school including the site and external areas is £7.5 million. Within the approved Children and Families capital programme there is an approved allocation of £5 million identified for specialist provision. It is proposed that this funding is combined with £2.5 million from the DfE grant of Specialist Provision Capital, which is intended for improving the quality and range of provision for children and young people with SEND, to enable delivery of this new SEMH Special School.

The local authority will need to run a free school presumption competition. This would involve inviting DfE approved Sponsor Trusts to apply to the local authority to run the new SEMH special free school. While the local authority would be responsible for organising and running the selection process, it then makes a recommendation on a preferred sponsor to the Secretary of State (RSC) who makes the final decision.

It is expected that a presumption competition will be run later in the Autumn, a sponsor appointed in the Spring and the new school taking pupils during the academic year 2021/22.

## **3. Basic Need Update**

There continues to be pressure within the school system to ensure there are sufficient school places available across the county. There is still a need to provide additional places within the primary sector with new capital schemes being developed looking to provide around 150 permanent Reception places and 30 temporary places over the next 3 years. There is also a growing need to provide additional Secondary places to meet the rising demand moving through from the primary sector and from new housing developments.

## **4. Cheltenham Secondary School**

Plans for the new 900 place secondary school in Cheltenham are progressing. The planning application for the Balcarras Academy Trust sponsored provision was submitted in July seeking consent to build the new school on land off Farm Lane in Leckhampton. The new school is proposed to open for September 2021 for pupils in Year 7 only so the school meets the increasing numbers coming through from the primary phase without taking in-year places from existing schools in the area. Further information can be found at

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-planning-and-projects/cheltenham-school-places/school-places-in-cheltenham/>

#### **4. New Free School Bids**

The Wave 14 Free School bidding round closes on 11th November 2019. It is anticipated that there will be bids for both primary and secondary new schools submitted and the outcome will be announced in Spring 2020.