

Appendix 3 - School Capital Programme 2016/17 Update

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The council's school capital programme is developed following extensive pupil place planning to assess likely demand. The current programme aims to deliver sufficient pupil places for the 2016 and 2017 academic years.

We are pleased to report that all projects are due to be completed on time and within budget.

This report provides an update highlighting projects managed by Thurrock Council and schemes managed externally which all form part of the school capital programme along with schemes managed, highlighting the considerable and continued progress that has been achieved since the last report to Council in December 2015.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure that suitable and sufficient places are available in Thurrock for every child of school age whose parents wish them to have one.
- 2.2 The demand for pupil places has increased significantly, with a large increase in 'in year' admissions from families moving into the Authority.
- 2.3 In order to meet this demand, we have a number of capital projects that are well under way as detailed in this report.

3. Knightsmead Site and Somers Heath School

- 3.1 The agreement was given at Council on 24th June 2015 to expand Somers Heath Primary to a 2 Form of Entry school using the old Knightsmead site as was the approval of a £2.5M budget for the re-commissioning of Knightsmead School and the provision of a link building to Somers Heath to expand the school, which will cater for an additional 210 pupils in this area.

Following the procurement process a local architect has been appointed to lead on the design of Knightsmead/Somers Heath. The project is currently at RIBA Stage 5 (Construction).

In February 2016 a single stage open invitation to tender notice was published for the procurement of a Principal Contractor. Upon the completion of the tender period, submissions were evaluated on a 50% Price + 50% Quality model with the award being made to the most economically advantageous tenderer. The successful tenderer was Carmelcrest Ltd. an Essex based SME with experience of carrying out similar sized education projects elsewhere in the home counties. The contractor started on site on 3rd May 2016.

- 3.2 Full planning consent was granted at the council's planning committee on 7th April 2016 for the link extension and associated construction works.
- 3.3 A phased programme is in place, which will deliver sufficient school places from September 2016. Phase one will see the full refurbishment of the former Knightsmead building which will see all six classes available for the beginning of the new school term in September 2016. A final handover of phase two and the external works is scheduled for December 2016.

4. Purfleet Expansion Scheme

- 4.1 Purfleet Primary Academy expansion project to a 2 form entry completed in May 2016 and was delivered within budget.

5. Tilbury Pioneer Academy

- 5.1 This project is currently on hold the Gateway, Learning Consortium (GLC) are submitting a bid to the DFE as part of the free school bids.

6. Mayflower Academy – Harris Federation

- 6.1 The project to build a five form entry is due to be completed August 2016 within the allocated budget ready for the admission of new pupils in September 2016. It is planned that only 4 forms of entry will be filled in the new academic year.

7. Woodside

The Multi Discipline Design Team was procured in line with the council's procurement rules, awarding the contract to Alderton Associates in May 2015.

- 7.1 Subsequent to the appointment of the multi discipline design team, detailed designs and specifications were prepared. The design freeze milestone was reached in August 2015 with the Woodside Academy representatives and their school Governors, and in October 2015 a single stage open invitation to tender notice was published for the procurement of a Principal Contractor.. The successful tenderer is Beardwell Construction Ltd; a long established local Grays based SME (Small, Medium sized Enterprise) with experience of carrying out similar sized education projects elsewhere in Thurrock and the County.
- 7.2 The works commenced on site in February 2016 with a two phased programme. Phase one will be the completion of ground floor classrooms in preparation for the additional reception class required for September 2016.
- 7.3 The project is currently at RIBA Stage 5 (Construction), and is on programme for completion in October 2016. The scheme will be delivered within the allocated budget.

8. Thameside

The Multi Discipline Design Team was procured in line with the council's procurement rules, awarding the contract to Huggins Brommage and Ferguson in May 2015.

8.1 An open stage tendering exercise took place mid-December to appoint a principal contractor. Following completion of the tender period, which closed on Friday 8th January with 5 returned submissions from bidders. Award of contract was made on 8th February to the successful tenderer, which was a local based company, H.W. Wilson Ltd.

8.2 Full planning approval was granted on 9th February 2016.

8.3 The project is currently at RIBA stage 5 (Construction). The contractor commenced on site on 15th February 2016.

A phased programme is in place, which will see four classrooms being completed mid-august 2016 to allow all four reception classes to be located together within the school. Final completion is scheduled for December 2016.

9. Temporary Accommodation

All of the temporary accommodation will be funded through the schools Basic Need budget.

9.1 Kennington's Primary School

Following a pupil place planning meeting in December 2015 it was identified that there was a further need for additional school places in the Ockendon and Aveley planning area. After undertaking an investigation and feasibility of both Kenningtons Primary and Aveley Primary, a decision was made by the Director to place a double demountable at Kenningtons Primary.

The demountable will remain at the school for five years until the bulge classes have moved through the school.

The demountable was purchased at the sum of £202,740.23.

9.2 Somers Heath Primary

The double and single demountables placed on site were removed at the end of July 2016 due to coincide with the completion of the refurbishment of the former Knightsmead building.

9.3 **Woodside Academy**

The double demountable is programme to be removed during the October half term to coincide with a final handover of the building scheduled for end of October 2016.

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