

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY

Date of Meeting: 17th July 2012
Report of: Strategic Director of Children, Families and Adults
Subject/Title: Children and Families Capital Programme
Portfolio Holder: Cllr Gaddum

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the current position of the Children and Families Capital Programme.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 to this report illustrates the detail of the Children and Families Capital Programme.

2.0 Decision requested

- 2.1 Members note and comment on the paper.

3.0 Reason for recommendations

- 3.1 Scrutiny require an update about Children and Families capital programme position.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All wards of Cheshire East

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All ward members of Cheshire East

6.0 Policy Implications including – Climate change, Health

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Director of Finance and Business Services)

- 7.1 The current programme contains £6.1m of carry forward of funding from 2011/12 which is still subject to approval as part of Outturn reporting expected in October 2012.
- 7.2 Allocation of Budget to the 2012/13 Basic Need Schemes are still subject to approval.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 Scheme risks are assessed and reported on a regular basis as part of the project management of schemes, and remedial action taken if and when required.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 The overall Children and Families Capital Programme currently equates to £109.5m

10.2 A summary of the programme over years can be shown as:

Children and Families Capital	£'m
Total Years Capital Programme	109.5
Prior Years Spend	76.7
2012/13 In Year Budget	29.8
2013/14 Forecast Budget	3.0
	109.5

10.3 The 2012/13 In Year Budget is funded as follows:

2012/13 In Year Budget	£'m
Funding:	
Devolved Formula Capital	4.9
Other Government Grant	16.9
External Contributions	0.1
Supported Borrowing	2.4
Unsupported Borrowing	5.2
Capital Reserve	0.4
	29.8

10.4 The Children and Families 2012-15 Capital Strategy sets out the criteria which has been used as the basis of spending decisions for the 2012/13 New Starts Schemes. (APPENDIX 2)

10.5 The categories in 2012/13 describe the priority issues that the service wishes to address and are in line with the C&F strategic objective *“To raise standards and narrow the gaps in learning outcomes, enabling young people to develop the appropriate skills to enable them to enter adulthood and the world of work”*.

- 10.6 As schools have more funds delegated to them within the school budget any schools bidding for capital projects will need to demonstrate how much they are prepared to commit to the scheme. The intention in doing this is to ensure that the limited funds the authority holds will go further and improve facilities for more children. A scheme will gain a higher ranking if the school can offer a significant proportion or total contribution.
- 10.7 A Capital Steering Group has been appointed consisting of nominations from the Schools Forum to assist in the determination of funding allocations to schemes using the aforementioned Strategy.
- 10.8 The grant allocations for Basic Need and Capital Maintenance in 2012/13 have been split over eight categories; the split between categories has been based on the evidence of need. These allocations have been made in conjunction with the Capital Steering Group.
- 10.9 The 2012/13 New Starts are as below:

	£'000
Grant Funded	
Basic Need – Demographic*	5,434
Suitability	677
Condition	0
Minor Works (funded 50/50 with school balances)	161
Accessibility	115
Mobile Replacement/Removal	0
Reorganisation/Co-location of Services	100
Capital Maintenance Central Allocation*	218
CEC Staffing Recharge	210
Grant Funded Total	6,915
Other Funded Schemes (as per budget book)	
Devolved Formula Capital 2012-13 (Grant)	902
Hurdsfield and Ethel Elks Rebuild/Refurbishment	1,115
ICT Implementation of new system	750
Other Funded Total	2,767
Grand Total	9,682

*Pending approval

- 10.10 All schemes within the 2012/13 programme have followed the approval requirements as set out in the Finance and Procedure Rules.
- 10.10 The timetable to allocate grant funding for 2013/14 has been brought forward with the intention that the Children and Families Programme Priorities will be included in the Budget Book pages for approval.

11.0 Access to Information

11.1 The background papers relating to this paper can be inspected by contact:

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