

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

25 October 2022

Update on School Capital Programme

Purpose of Report

1. To present an update on the School Capital Programme following an earlier report to Cabinet in February 2022.

Background

2. On 1 February 2022, Cabinet approved the School Capital Programme 2022 to 2027. This programme covers investment to improve the condition of maintained schools and projects to provide additional school places. Projects to provide SEND places were not included in the paper or in this update.
3. The Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places and to effectively manage and maintain the Councils schools' estate (community, foundation and voluntary controlled schools only). Schools need to be fit for purpose and safe for all site users.

Update on projects

4. In Appendix A, an update has been given for all the projects to provide additional school places. The project status as at February 2022 is shown along with the latest update. It can be seen that five projects have completed since February, with a further 6 projects now in construction. The remaining projects are all on programme to achieve the additional places for when they are required. Projects need to be delivered to meet the demand for places, but not provided too early to avoid having a detrimental impact on other schools.
5. In Appendix B, an update has been provided for all the planned maintenance works approved in February 2022. Of the 36 projects approved, 31 are complete. A further 4 are in progress with 2 of these being completed at October half term. The final project was cancelled as it was deemed not a priority for this year.
6. In addition to these planned maintenance works, a contingency is held to address emergency reactive works required during the year to keep schools safe and open. A further 43 projects costing over £5k each have been completed since 1 April 2022.
7. Feedback from schools on this year's maintenance programme has been very positive. All works scheduled for the summer holidays completed on time for schools re-opening in September. Small scale (revenue) repair works are the responsibility of schools, but they also procure these through the LA. In total, this has amounted to a further 167 individual work orders in this financial year.

8. The list of priority planned maintenance works for 2023/24 is now being prepared. The limited resources available means that only the highest priority maintenance works are included. This does mean that not all priority works can be funded in any year.

Conclusion

9. The delivery of capital projects can be impacted by many factors including difficulties obtaining planning permission, securing tenders or the availability of materials/contractors. Large scale maintenance works often must be completed during school holiday periods and funding is therefore programmed to align with this.
10. For the expansion projects, at the end of each quarter funds are reprogrammed if necessary. The number of projects completed on time and the progress towards those projects required over the next few years illustrates that the School Capital Programme is on track for full completion.

Appendix A

School Capital Programme Progress Report

| School | Project | February 2022 Status | Oct 2022 Status Update |
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| Primary | | | |
| Lea and Garsdon Primary | Expansion by 0.5FE | In construction | Complete |
| St Bartholomew's Primary, Wootton Bassett | Expansion to 2FE | Complete | Complete |
| Bitham Brook Primary School | Expansion to 2FE | In construction | Complete |
| Mere Primary School | Conversion of former children's centre to school accommodation | Due to commence summer 2022 | Complete |
| Wootton Bassett Noremarsch Junior | Provision of mobile to accommodate large intake in Sept | Complete | Complete |
| Forest and Sandridge Primary | Expansion to 2.5FE | Design underway | Works commenced on site, due to complete by summer 2023 |
| Holt Primary School | Expansion to 1FE | Design underway | Planning application submitted. Works being delayed to fit with pre-school replacement project which has time limited funding. |
| Pathfinder Way, Melksham | New Primary School (approval to commence design only) | Design to be commenced 2022 | Going out to tender for PM and QS by end October. Once appointed they will assist with main contractor appointment. New school required Sept 2025 at the earliest. |
| Secondary | | | |

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| Royal Wootton Bassett | Expansion by 120 places | Complete | Complete |
| Melksham Oak | Expansion of Secondary School | Complete | Complete |
| Kingdown School | Expansion by 300 places | Design underway | Pre-planning application submitted. Positive response. Internal works to create 4 classrooms to complete for Sept 2024. New block to complete for Sept 2025. |
| Abbeyfield School | First phase of expansion to provide 150 places. | Design underway | Design now completed and planning application to be submitted shortly. Places required for Sept 2025. |
| St Augustine's, John of Gaunt and Clarendon | Creation of additional places funded by Section 106 funding | Designs underway | Offsite fabrication of building underway. Works to commence on site shortly. |
| Alternative Provision - Trowbridge | Creation of AP places at Hope Nature Centre, Trowbridge | In construction | Complete |
| Marlborough St Johns | Expansion by 40 places | In construction | Complete |
| Projects to replace poor quality accommodation | | | |
| Preshute Primary | Replacement of poor quality temporary buildings | Complete | Complete |
| Holbrook Primary School | Replacement of poor quality temporary buildings | Design underway | Construction in progress. To complete for Sept 2023. |

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| Studley Green | Replacement of poor quality temporary buildings | Not yet started due to insufficient funding, design to commence shortly | Pratten block being demolished in October half term. Internal adaptations being completed on site now. New block to complete for Sept 2023. |
| Bishop Cannings Primary | Replacement of poor quality temporary buildings | Due to commence construction in 2022. Funded by S106 | Construction in progress |
| Stonehenge School | Replacement of Lower School Block | Due to commence construction in 2022/23 | Construction in progress |
| Devizes School | Small expansion using S106 funding | Design underway | Phase 1 completed, phase 2 in progress |
| Springfield South | Provision of mobile classroom to add temporary places until new Free School opens in Salisbury | Design underway | Completed |

Priority School Planned Maintenance Projects

List of projects approved by Cabinet March 2022

| School | Type of Maintenance Works | Oct 2022 Status Update |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Bratton Primary School | Heating controls and fencing | Complete |
| Devizes Downlands | Windows and door framing | Complete |
| Nursted Primary | Window and door glazing, hot water boiler replacement | Complete |
| Holt Primary | Fencing | Complete |
| Silverwood Rowde | Structural works | In progress |
| Silverwood Trowbridge | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Southwick Primary | Boiler and heat distribution, window and door framing | Complete |
| Hilperton Primary | Fencing | Complete |
| Newtown Primary | Roof replacement, window and door replacements | Roof complete Windows and doors completing Oct half term |
| Studley Green Primary | Drainage | Complete |
| Minster Primary | Fire alarm upgrade | Complete |
| Bitham Brook Primary | Roof covering | Complete |
| Westbury Infants | Floor screed, window and door ironmongery | Complete |
| Matravers School | Boiler replacement | Complete |
| Westwood with Iford Primary | Roof replacement, drainage, floor screed, fencing | Complete |
| Box Primary | Window and door framing | Complete |
| Brinkworth Earl Danby's Primary | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Broad Town Primary | Drainage | Complete |

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| Priestley Primary | Roof covering, heat source equipment | Complete |
| Redland Primary | Roof replacement | Closer inspection of roof revealed works not high priority for this year. Works rescheduled to future year. |
| Crudwell Primary | Heat source and distribution | Complete |
| Hullavington Primary | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Lacock Primary | Fire alarm upgrade | Complete |
| Langley Fitzurse Primary | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Lyneham Primary | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Preshute Primary | Window and door framing | Complete |
| Longleaze Primary | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Amesbury Primary | Fire alarm, paving | Fire alarm complete, paving planned for October half term |
| Amesbury Stonehenge | Lighting, fencing | Awaiting planning permission for fencing. Lighting complete |
| Dinton Primary | Lighting | Complete |
| Ludgershall Primary | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Newton Tony Primary | Water distribution | Complete |
| Harnham Junior | Fire alarm upgrade | Complete |
| Old Sarum Primary | Drainage | Complete |
| Stratford Sub Castle Primary | Heating distribution, drainage and pipework | Complete |
| Winterbourne Earls | Roof replacement | Complete |
| Various schools | Legionella and statutory compliance works | Annual work schedule on programme |
| Emergency reactive works | | 43 additional projects costing over £5k each |