

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 10 August 2017

### Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning

**Part I**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All

### Capital Strategy for Schools 2017/18 to 2019/20

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### Executive Summary

This report provides information on the schools capital grant allocation for 2017/18 to 2019/20, and the proposed strategy for expenditure, based on the priorities contained within the School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No 25 has been complied with.

#### Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) Approve the proposed expenditure priorities for 2017/18 to 2019/20, outlined in Appendix 'A' of this report.
- (ii) Note that further reports will be presented on individual project costs; any further in year allocations of capital funding; and any adjustments to the three year programme as required.
- (iii) Authorise the inclusion of additional funding from individual schools into the respective capital project which, in turn, should be added to the capital programme and reported quarterly within the "Money Matters" report.
- (iv) Acknowledge the change in phasing of the condition programme.

## **Background and Advice**

On 3 April 2017, the Department for Education announced details of the local authority's schools capital grant allocation for Basic Need for 2017/18 to 2019/20, to support local authorities with their strategic school place planning responsibilities.

The current School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 for Lancashire, contains three main strands for capital investment:

- Supporting growth in pupil places;
- Targeted investment in mainstream and special schools;
- Strategic maintenance of the building stock.

The overarching strategy for investment in school premises to address Basic Need and Condition is set out at Appendix 'A'.

## **Consultations**

The capital priorities were consulted upon as part of the consultation on the School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20.

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

By prioritising additional school places, the authority is safeguarding its statutory obligations around the provision of school places as required under S14 (1) of the Education Act 1996.

### **Financial**

The financial implications are included in Appendix 'A'.

### **Property Asset Management**

Failure to allocate and commit the grant funding to address these priorities could lead to the authority being in breach of its statutory obligations and present significant risk to the maintenance of the school estate, presenting longer term implications around sustainable provision.

## **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 for Lancashire	10 August 2017	Lynn MacDonald/01772 532402

Capital Strategy for Schools – 5 April 2017  
Condition Led Capital  
Investment Programme,  
2016/17 and part 2017/18

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A