



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2015

AUDITORIUM - THE BRIGHTELM CENTRE

ADDENDUM

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Extract from the meeting of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee (copy attached).	

Subject: Addition to Education Capital Resources and Capital Investment Programme 2015/16

Date of Meeting: 11 June 2015

Report of: Head of Legal & Democratic Services

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of the Policy & Resources Committee:

To receive the item referred from the Children, Young People & Skills Committee:

Recommendation:

- 1) That the level of available capital resources totalling £18.383 million for investment relating to education buildings financed from capital grant, revenue contributions and reserves set aside for primary places be noted.
- 2) That Committee approve the allocation of this additional £1.903 million as shown in Appendices 2 and 3 for inclusion within the council's Capital Investment Programme 2015/16.
- 3) That Committee approve the allocation of £686,410 in respect of Universal infant Free School Meals funding as shown in Appendix 4 for inclusion within the council's Capital Investment Programme 2015/16.
- 4) That Committee grant delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Property & Design to procure the capital maintenance and basic need works and enter into contracts within these budgets, as required, in accordance with Contract Standing Orders in respect of the entire Education Capital Programme.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & SKILLS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 1 JUNE 2015

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, SHIP STREET

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Bewick (Chair), Chapman (Deputy Chair), Barradell, Brown (Opposition Spokesperson), Daniel, Knight, Marsh, Phillips (Group Spokesperson), Taylor and Wealls

PART ONE

10 ADDITION TO EDUCATION CAPITAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2015/2016

- 10.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Children's Services requesting approval for the allocation of £1.903 million for 2015/16 within the Structural Maintenance programme and £686,412 allocated for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). The grant allocation of £1.903 million had been left unallocated until now due to a larger than expected settlement.
- 10.2 Councillor Barradell stated that she had found the report unclear as to whether the funding was unallocated or additional as descriptions alternated throughout the report.
- 10.3 The Head of Education Planning & Contracts clarified that the funding was an unallocated amount. The previous Children & Young People Committee had assigned £3 million of funding however, this had been based on an estimated Capital Maintenance Grant settlement. In the actual settlement notified after the report had been released significantly more resources had been made available than estimated. The purpose of this report was to seek approval to assign the unallocated amount as an addition to the Capital Investment Programme. On the matter of UIFSM, the Head of Education Planning & Contracts stated that it was recommended that the money should be used to invest in larger kitchen equipment in order to improve the capacity to provide the greater number of meals arising from the UIFSM policy.
- 10.4 Councillor Barradell asked where the £900,000 revenue funding was allocated from.
- 10.5 The Head of Education Planning & Contracts answered that this was assigned from Brighton & Hove City Council revenue funding. (Post meeting note: As this revenue funding is from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) under the 'historic commitments' exception it is not available for other purposes. Any reduction in the contribution would have to be allocated to schools budgets through the funding formula.)

- 10.6 Councillor Brown asked for clarification that indicative allocations had been provided for the next three financial years.
- 10.7 The Head of Education Planning & Contracts confirmed that this was the case.
- 10.8 Councillor Daniel asked if the £900,000 revenue funding could be used for another purpose.
- 10.9 The Executive Director of Children's Service clarified that it was his understanding that this was an historical budget agreement.
- 10.10 Councillor Wealls enquired as to the determination of D2 priority works.
- 10.11 The Head of Education Planning & Contracts stated that this was on the basis of ranking criteria that he would circulate to committee members.
- 10.12 Councillor Marsh asked how works were initially identified and furthermore, clarification on why Woodingdean Community Centre was included in the D1 priority works.
- 10.13 The Assistant Director- Education & Inclusion stated that the works were prioritised on the basis of a survey and assessment against the set criteria alongside dialogue with the schools. The Head of Education Planning & Contracts added that Woodingdean Community Centre was listed in the D1 priority works as it was within the Children's Services property portfolio.
- 10.14 Councillor Daniel asked for clarification on the air raid sheltered listed as on school premises.
- 10.15 The Head of Education Planning & Contracts clarified that there were some air raid shelters on Brighton & Hove school sites and work was sometimes required to keep these structures safe.
- 10.16 Councillor Barradell asked for confirmation that the £900,000 revenue funding could be used for an alternate purpose.
- 10.17 The Head of Education Planning & Contracts stated that the £900,000 revenue funding was part of the overall funding used for urgent, priority projects that had to be undertaken on health and safety grounds for example.
- 10.18 **RESOLVED-**
- 1) That the level of available capital resources totalling £18.383 million for investment relating to education buildings financed from capital grant, revenue contributions and reserves set aside for primary places be noted.
 - 2) That Committee agree the allocation of this additional £1.903 million as shown in Appendices 2 and 3 and recommend this to Policy & Resources Committee on 11th June 2015 for inclusion within the council's Capital Investment Programme 2015/16.

- 3) That Committee agree to the allocation of the £686,410 in respect of Universal Infant Free School Meals funding as shown in Appendix 4 and recommend this to Policy & Resources Committee on 11th June 2015 for inclusion within the council's Capital Investment Programme 2015/16.
- 4) That Committee agree to recommend to Policy & Resources Committee that they grant delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Property & Design to procure the capital maintenance and basic need works and enter into contracts within these budgets, as required, in accordance with Contract Standing Orders in respect of the entire Education Capital Programme.