

Design & Cost Report for Parklands Primary summer works 2021

Date: Monday 12 July 2021

Report of: Head of Programmes & Projects

Report to: Head of Service for Learning Systems

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The purpose of this report is to seek authority to spend and incur expenditure of £130,158 from capital scheme number 33177/BGE/PAR to deliver a key stage 2 (KS2) toilet refurbishment and provide new dining furniture as part of the 15 additional places the school is taking in Year 7 from September 2021.
- The total cost of £130,158 is inclusive of construction works and fees.
- The proposed scheme will be delivered under the City Council's Learning Places Programme and is required to fulfil the Local Authority's statutory responsibility to provide sufficient school places. In providing places close to where the children live the proposals will improve accessibility of local and desirable school places, and thus reduce any risks of non-attendance.
- The proposed scheme contributes to the 2020/2021 Best Council Plan outcomes for everyone in Leeds to 'Do well at all levels of learning and have the skills they need for life'; 'Be safe and feel safe' and 'Enjoy happy, healthy, active lives'. It also supports the vision in the supporting Children and Young People's Plan 2018-23, 'Leeds to be the best city in the UK and the best city for children and young people to grow up in. We want Leeds to be a child friendly city'. The Learning Places Programme seeks to deliver a supply of good quality accessible local school places which can contribute to these outcomes

Recommendations

- a) Approve authority to spend and incur expenditure of £130,158 from capital scheme number 33177/BGE/PAR in order to deliver the KS2 toilet refurbishment and dining furniture associated with the 15 additional places the school is taking in Year 7 from September 2021.
- b) Note that the officer responsible for implementation is the Head of Service Learning Systems in Children and Families Directorate.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 Births in the Seacroft PPA for 2020, 2021 and 2022 were above average. Both the 2020 and 2021 cohorts grew by more than 1FE from birth to starting school and have required Children's & Families to add an additional 15 places at Parklands Primary School in order to have sufficient places.
- 2 Parklands received funding via S106 last year to replace the KS1 toilets that were in a very poor condition – this related to the 2020 'bulge'.
- 3 The school now requires a capital scheme to update the KS2 toilet provision which is in a similar very poor condition to provide a sufficient number of toilets to accommodate the increase in numbers due to over-admitting ('bulging') in several year groups.
- 4 There will be 4 year groups at 60 in September 2021 as the school admitted additional children into two of the KS2 cohorts due to in-year demand (linked to housing) as well as the two reception cohorts they will have admitted at 60 (2020 and 2021).
- 5 The school will be self-delivering the works over the summer break.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected: Killingbeck and Seacroft

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 6 This proposal will enable 15 additional Year 7 children to obtain a place at their preferred secondary school and ensure Leeds City Council meets its statutory duty in providing every child with a school place. It will also help ensure that more local families can secure a school place in their area.
- 7 The works consist of a refurbishment of the KS2 toilets and additional dining furniture.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 8 Consultation has taken place with the Head Teacher, Business Manager and Governing Body at Parklands Primary School. Members of Programme Risk and Control Group and Good Learning Places Board have also been consulted as part of the funding approval.

What are the resource implications?

- 9 The total cost of the KS2 toilet refurbishment and dining furniture is £130,158 and should this figure increase the school will be responsible for funding the shortfall.
- 10 The cost of £130,158 will be funded from capital scheme number 33177/BGE/PAR as part of the Learning Places Programme.

What are the legal implications?

- 11 A licence to carry out the works is required between Leeds City Council (LCC) and Parklands Primary School which will be discussed with LCC legal team.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 12 Completion of the work detailed in this report is essential in order to provide the required modifications associated with the 15 additional places for September 2021.

Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

- Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

- 13 The 15 additional places at Parklands Primary School offers good quality places to address increasing demand and will contribute towards the achievement of the Child Friendly City aim of 'improving educational attainment and closing achievement gaps for children and young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes'. In turn, by helping young people into adulthood, to develop life skills, these proposals provide underlying support for the council's Inclusive Growth Strategy aim of growth and investment, helping everyone benefit from the economy to their full potential
- 14 Providing a high standard of teaching and ancillary spaces (such as toilets) meets the Council's Health and Wellbeing plan by ensuring children feel safe and secure within their day to day learning environment and are supported by a family of teachers and staff members.

Options, timescales and measuring success

a) What other options were considered?

- 15 Parklands Primary is in the area of need identified in Killingbeck/Seacroft.

b) How will success be measured?

- 16 Through the successful delivery of the KS2 toilets and purchasing of the dining furniture prior to the start of the 2021/2022 academic year and within the agreed authority to spend figure.

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

- 17 Works are due to commence on site in July therefore a decision is required at the earliest opportunity.

Appendices

- 18 Appendix A – EDCI screening assessment

Background papers

- 19 None