
REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 8 October 2008

**SUBJECT: Managing Pupil Numbers at the New Swallow Hill Community College
From 2009/10**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to present to the Board a solution for managing pupil numbers at the new Swallow Hill Community College when it opens in September 2009. It seeks approval for the capital expenditure for the creation of an annex on the Wortley school site.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The new Swallow Hill Community College will be delivered through the BSF Programme in September 2009 to accommodate students currently attending Wortley and West Leeds High Schools. It is being built on the existing West Leeds High School site. The new school will have an admission limit of 240 and a capacity of 1200 11-16 year old pupils, 150 post 16 students and 30 SILC/SEN places.
- 2.2** In September 2009 there will be approaching 1637 11-16 year old pupils on the combined rolls of the present West Leeds and Wortley High Schools. This constitutes an initial requirement for additional accommodation for 437 pupils.
- 2.3** An options appraisal has been undertaken to identify the best value solution for providing additional accommodation and services, and the preferred organisational model. This concluded that developing an annexe in the Wortley High School building is the best value option, and meets the Temporary Governing Body's preference from a management perspective.
- 2.4** Establishing the annex will require the following:
- capital works to minimal acceptable specification & ongoing maintenance requirements;
 - capital ICT works in respect of building/equipment/connectivity to new school;

- managed ICT services across a split site;
- provision of other services e.g. catering and cleaning;

2.5 The BSF PFI funding for Swallow Hill Community College will not fund the additional accommodation requirement. The revenue costs for the annex for two years can be met from the enhanced new college's budget. The capital costs of establishing the annex will have to be met through the education capital programme.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Board is asked to:

- approve in principle the strategy proposed to accommodate the additional pupil numbers; and
- Support the expenditure from the education capital programme for the capital cost for establishment of the annex