
Report of: The Chief Executive of Education Leeds

To: Executive Board

Date: April 2009

Subject: Executive Summary
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BRUNTCLIFFE HIGH SCHOOL – NEW SCIENCE BLOCK

1. Purpose

This report seeks approval to proceed with the proposed scheme to provide a new science block at Bruntcliffe High School at an estimated total cost of £1,600,000.

2. Main Issues and Options

Although the permanent buildings at Bruntcliffe High School are in good general condition, they are supplemented by a number of temporary classrooms located at the rear of the school which have deteriorated in condition, and which no longer offer good quality teaching facilities.

The proposal is to remove the largest block of temporary classrooms and, in its place, construct a new modular block of Science laboratories, which will greatly assist the school in this area of the curriculum as well as rationalizing and improving its building stock.

The project will be designed and delivered through the Local Education Partnership (LEP) under the exclusivity clause of the City Council's contract with them to deliver the Building Schools for the Future programme.

3. Recommendations

Members of the Executive Board are requested to:

- a) Approve the design proposals in respect of the scheme to provide a new science block at Bruntcliffe High School at an estimated total cost of £1,600,000;
- b) Authorise expenditure of £1,400,000 from capital scheme 14861/PH1/BRU.

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Scheme Title BRUNTCLIFFE HIGH SCHOOL – NEW SCIENCE BLOCK

Capital Scheme Number 14861/PH1/BRU

Electoral Wards Affected:
Morley South

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In
(Details contained in the report)

1.00 Purpose of this Report

1.01 The purpose of this report is to:

- a) Seek approval to the design proposals in respect of the scheme to provide a new Science block at Bruntcliffe High School at an estimated total cost of £1,600,000;
- b) Seek authority to incur expenditure of £1,400,000 in respect of the above scheme from capital scheme number 14861/PH1/BRU.

2.00 Background Information

2.01 The original two storey main building at Bruntcliffe High School was constructed in 1963, and was supplemented by further blocks in 1964, 1983, and 1993. Although the main building, which was in itself extended in 1998, is in generally good condition it is the temporary accommodation which creates the major problem for the school. By their nature and their age they are invariably too hot in summer and too cold in winter. The level of insulation contained in their construction has a high impact on suitability since there is a significant noise transfer throughout the block.

- 2.02 In working in partnership with the school, Education Leeds has commissioned a series of options for discussion, and through agreement the recommendation is to construct a new teaching block which will enable the temporary classrooms to be removed. This block will deliver specialist science laboratories, which will greatly improve curriculum delivery in this area.
- 2.03 It is proposed that this new accommodation is constructed using modular principles, which, as well as offering the most economic long term solution, will also provide a faster procurement and construction route. Significantly, this accommodation would provide future flexibility for the school and the City Council when the ultimate Building Schools for the Future programme is structured at the school. It will lend itself to be easily relocated or used for any alternative facilities during this programme. The project will be designed and delivered through the Local Education Partnership (LEP) under the exclusivity clause contained in their contract with the City Council to deliver new projects.

3.00 Design Proposals / Scheme Description

- 3.01 It is proposed that the new freestanding science block be of single storey steel modular construction located on the existing playground to the west of Block 2, and have a floor area of approximately 950m². The building will have plastisol coated steel external walls with powder coated aluminium windows and powder coated steel external doors under a shallow pitched roof discharging rainwater via powder coated aluminium gutters and fall pipes. Internally the building will be finished to a high standard with vinyl covered walls and solid core veneer faced doors under a suspended ceiling. The building including all services will comply with or better current building regulations. The total estimated cost of the scheme is £1,600,000.
- 3.02 It will consist of:
- 6 30 place fitted out science classrooms
 - 1 20 place multi purpose science classroom.
 - 1 preparation room with a secure chemical storage off.
 - 1 staff workroom.
 - 1 departmental office.
 - Children's toilets, staff toilets, visitors/disabled toilet.
 - Generous circulation areas.

4 Consultations

- 4.01 This scheme has been the subject of consultations with Education Leeds, the school and the governing body. The scheme proposals have been approved by the Education Leeds Capital Projects Board.

5 Programme

- 5.01 The strategic programme for the proposed scheme is as follows:

Sign off Contractor's proposals	3 August 2009
Start on Site	28 September 2009
Practical Completion	15 January 2010

6 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

These works will contribute to the following themes outlined in the Vision for Leeds 2004-2020.

Cultural Life:

To enhance and increase cultural opportunities for everyone.

To develop talent.

Enterprise and the Economy

To contribute to the development of a future healthy skilled workforce.

Environment City

Provide a better quality environment for our children.

Harmonious Communities

Contribute to tackling social, economic and environmental discrimination and inequality. To make sure that children and young people have a healthy start to life.

Health and Wellbeing

Contributing to the protection of people's health and support people to stay healthy.

Learning:

Contribute to the development of equal educational achievement between different ethnic and social groups.

Improving numeracy, literacy and levels of achievement by young people throughout the city.

Make sure that strong and effective schools are at the heart of communities.

Promote lifelong learning to encourage economic success, achieve personal satisfaction and promote unity in communities.

Thriving Places

Actively involve the community.

Improve public services in all neighbourhoods

Regenerate and restore confidence in every part of the city.

7 Legal and Resource Implications

- 7.01 The design and construction of these works will comprise construction costs estimated in the sum of £1,303,500, and design costs in the sum of £296,500.

8 Capital Funding and Cash Flow

8.01

Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2008 £000's	FORECAST				
			2008/09 £000's	2009/10 £000's	2010/11 £000's	2011/12 £000's	2012 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	200.0			200.0			
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Authority to Spend required for this Approval	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2008 £000's	FORECAST				
			2008/09 £000's	2009/10 £000's	2010/11 £000's	2011/12 £000's	2012 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	1103.5		0.0	1048.5	55.0		
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	296.5		0.0	291.5	5.0		
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	1400.0	0.0	0.0	1340.0	60.0	0.0	0.0

Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2008 £000's	FORECAST				
			2008/09 £000's	2009/10 £000's	2010/11 £000's	2011/12 £000's	2012 on £000's
Modernisation 08/09 SceR	-800.0		0.0	-800.0			
General Receipts & Borrowing	-600.0		0.0	-600.0			
School Devolved Capital	-200.0		0.0	-140.0	-60.0		
Total Funding	-1600.0	0.0	0.0	-1540.0	-60.0	0.0	0.0
Balance / Shortfall =	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Parent Scheme Number : 14681/000/000
Title : Bruntcliffe High School – New Science Block

8.02 Authority to expend £200,000 of Devolved Capital grant has previously been approved. Therefore this report seeks approval to incur expenditure in the sum of £1,400,000.

9 Revenue Effects

9.01 Any additional revenue costs arising from the proposed scheme will be managed within the school budget share.

10 Risk Assessments

10.01 Operational risks will be addressed by effective use of CDM regulations, close supervision with the contractors and continual liaison with the school.

11 Recommendations

11.01 Executive Board is requested to:

- Approve the design proposals in respect of the scheme to construct a new Science teaching block at Bruntcliffe High School at an estimated total cost of £1,600,000;
- Authorise expenditure of £1,400,000 from capital scheme 14861/PH1/BRU.

10 Background Papers

- 10.01 The background papers referred to in this report are as follows;
- i. Vision for Leeds 2004-2020