

**Report of the West Leeds Area Manager**

**Inner West Area Committee**

**Date:** 19 October 2006

**Subject:** Building Schools for the Future – Phase 2 update

**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Armley**  
**Bramley & Stanningley**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

**Executive Summary**

In February 2004, Education Leeds received confirmation of its success in the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Wave 1 expressions of interest. The Government have allocated £188 million to deliver 5 new build secondary schools and 9 refurbishment / replacement projects in the secondary sector. This forms part of the government's commitment to invest £2.2 billion a year starting in 2005-2006 in educational provision to achieve a step change in the quality of provision and to transform educational delivery.

**1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

The purpose of the report is to notify and inform the Inner West Area Committee of the latest update on the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme and how this relates to West Leeds specifically highlighting that the submission of outline planning applications for Phase two projects have recently been made.

**2.0 Background Information**

2.1 Wave One of the Leeds BSF Programme involves the re-building and refurbishment of 14 Secondary Schools, to be procured in three phases. The procurement includes the formation of a Local Education Partnership (LEP), which under the terms of the Partnership Agreement will be granted certain exclusivity rights for future investment in

the City Council's Secondary School estate that may be approved under the Government's Building Schools for the Future Programme.

2.2 Phase one is already in detailed design with a reserved matter application due to be submitted in November 2006.

2.3 Schools included in Phase two of the programme in the West Leeds area due for service commencement in September 2009 are:

New School (Inner West) Leeds - A new PFI build following the amalgamation of Wortley High School and West Leeds High School. It is proposed to build this school on the current West Leeds High School site.

The remaining schools Farnley Park High School, Priesthorpe High School and Crawshaw High School are remodeling schemes which comprise of elements of new build and major refurbishment which are funded through traditional design and build.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

The Phase two high schools included in this stage of the BSF process which have recently had outline planning applications submitted, located within the Inner West Area are Wortley and West Leeds. The remaining schools Farnley Park and Priesthorpe are located in the Outer West Area, as is Crawshaw School which due to the nature and scope of the scheme a Planning Application was not required.

The project scope has been agreed with the Schools, Education Leeds and Leeds City Council and features retention of existing accommodation where possible at all schools, especially where accommodation has recently been built. The percentage of retention varies between the schools, and has resulted in one of the phase 2 schools being new build, and three of the schools being either refurbishment or predominantly refurbishment with some new build replacement. In addition, on some of the sites there will be new build special needs accommodation, which will enable the development of partnerships working with the recently established Specialist Inclusive Learning Centres (SILCs). Within Phase Two, Farnley Park will be established as a High Care Partnership [primarily for children with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD)] and Priesthorpe will be established as a generic partnership school providing for children with less complex needs.

### **4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

The aim of the programme is to provide high quality teaching and learning accommodation for students, staff and community in the west of Leeds.

### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

These schemes are all part of the BSF funding allocation.

### **6.0 Conclusions**

The BSF programme is proceeding in line with agreed timescales for delivery of all phases of the project.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

That the Inner West Area Committee notes the contents of this report.