

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

7 September 2006

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Children and Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Cunningham

VARIATION TO EDUCATION CAPITAL BUILDING PROGRAMME 2006-2007

1. Summary

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2. Recommendations

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3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To approve the variation to the 2006-2007 Education Capital Programme.

4. Members Interests

Members (including co-opted members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (paragraph 8) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (paragraph 10 of the code of conduct).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting is being held, whilst the matter is being considered; not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (paragraph 12 of the Code).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc.; whether or not they are a member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting, and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room during consideration of the relevant item.

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DETAIL

1. Billingham Campus School has been successful in gaining specialist school status as a Arts College with effect from 1st. September 2006. The DfES has allocated £100,000 to the school for alterations/refurbishment to be undertaken to enhance the facilities for teaching the specialist subject.
2. A bid was submitted to the DfES under the Targeted Capital Funding programme (Federated Schools) for capital works to be carried out at Abbey Hill Special school and for ICT infrastructure at Westlands Special school. The DfES has allocated the Authority £800,000 for this project.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial

3. Grant of £100,000 from Standards Fund

Legal

4. None

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. A risk assessment has been carried out and this work is considered to be low risk. Existing management systems are sufficient to monitor and control risk.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

6. All works will be designed and undertaken in accordance with the Construction Design Management (CDM) regulations.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

7. School Governors consulted

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Background Papers

Letter of award from DfES

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Councillors A Cunningham & M Stoker

Property

All works will be designed and undertaken in accordance with the Construction Design Management (CDM) regulations.

All works will conform to DDA legislation.