

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....14th June 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Capital Investment in Schools

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report relating to Capital investment in the Borough's schools.

Cabinet was informed that Ian Ramsey CofE School, Grangefield, St Michael's RC and Mandale Mill had been successful in securing funding allocations under the Governments Priority Schools Building Programme.

It was explained that the Council was leading on the procurement and management of major Academy developments. The £18m Northshore Academy development, incorporating a MyPlace youth facility, was well underway and on target to open in September 2013. The investment of £5.8m in Thornaby Academy was also progressing with a similar completion date.

Details of current and future, potential, funding availability was provided to members. Members also considered a proposed investment programme for increasing capacity and to provide urgent maintenance to the following schools:-

Barleyfields  
St Francis  
Christ the King  
St Marks CoE  
Junction Farm

Members were informed of school sites that would become vacant in the near future which would have potential to generate capital receipts. These were:-

Norton  
Northshore Academy  
Northfield Campus (linked to the development of a single site at

Northfield)

It was proposed that the potential for the disposal of these sites be explored.

Members were provided with an update position on Secondary Schools and in particular Northfield and the potential disposal of part of the campus site.

The overall costs associated with the developments to support school places was £7.7m with the £2m shortfall being funded from Capital Receipts and Section 106 monies. The development of Northfield school would, as referred to above, be funded from the disposal of the former Billingham Campus site and the maintenance programme was fully funded.

RESOLVED that

1. the investment programme for increasing capacity and urgent maintenance outlined in the report with expansion of the following schools, to meet demands for school places across the Borough be agreed:

- Christ the King RC Primary (Thornaby)
- Junction Farm Primary (Eaglescliffe)
- Barleyfields Primary (Ingleby Barwick)
- St Francis of Assisi C of E (Ingleby Barwick)
- St Mark's C of E (Stockton)

2. the principle of disposal of the school sites, with resources utilised to contribute to the developments outlined above and the reconfiguration of Northfield School be agreed. Details of specific disposals to be presented to cabinet in due course.

3. It be noted that the bids for funding from the Priority Schools Building Programme for Ian Ramsey CofE, Grangefield, St Michaels RC and Mandale Mill had been successful but that details of the funding allocation and timescales were still to be confirmed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To agree the programme of Capital Investment in Schools.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than midnight on Monday 25 June 2012

Proper Officer  
04 May 2012