

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting22nd April 2021

1. Title of Item/Report

An Investment Strategy for Schools, SEN and Early Years Update

2. Record of the Decision

The previous investment strategy in for schools agreed by Cabinet in July 2019 included indicative allocations to support investment in Secondary school expansion, Pupil Referral Unit and Primary Development based on available Basic Need Grant and estimated Section 106 contributions.

Cabinet were provided with an update on works delivered to date and invited to approve proposals to address priorities involving the allocation of resources for incorporation in the Capital Programme in respect of those indicative allocations.

The Council's Basic Need funding currently unallocated as outlined in the Medium Term Financial Plan, amounted to £13.3m. In addition, the Council had now received Section 106 contributions of £3.8m from developers which could be added to the programme meaning that the total available for investment amounted to £17.1m.

The proposals for investment included changes to already approved schemes, necessary planned investment, and future Primary school development; the details for which were all detailed and could be summarised as follows:-

Resources available	£'000
Basic Need	13,300
Developer Contributions	3,800
Total	17,100

Proposals

Covid Cost Pressures	950
Outwood Bishopsgarth	5,000
Secondary School adaptations	1,250
Pupil Referral Unit	4,500

Primary Schools	5,400
Total	17,100

RESOLVED that:-

1. Cabinet approve the revised programme outlined in the report.

2. Cabinet delegate authority to the Director of Finance, Development and Business Services and the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council for expenditure towards Secondary School Improvements at a value of £1.3m.

3. Cabinet note that any future investment included in 'Primary Schools' will be brought back to future cabinet meetings for approval.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To continue to ensure that all children and young people in Stockton Borough continue to benefit from education in high quality environments.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight - Friday 30th April 2021

Proper Officer
26 April 2021