

REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 16 March, 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director

SUBJECT: Capital Programme 2015/16 - Update

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide School Forum with a summary and progress update of the Capital Programme 2015/16 for the Children & Enterprise Directorate.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 In February 2015 the Department for Education announced the schools capital grant allocations for 2015/16. Executive Board, 26th March, 2015, is being recommended to approve the implementation of the capital programme. The table below details the funding received.

TYPE OF FUNDING	AMOUNT OF FUNDING (2015/16)
GOVERNMENT FUNDING	
School Condition Allocation – Local Authority maintained schools Allocated to fund condition and suitability projects at Local Authority maintained schools.	£1,097,187
School Condition Allocation – Voluntary Aided maintained schools Allocated to fund condition and suitability projects at Voluntary Aided schools.	£858,851
Devolved Formula Capital – Local Authority maintained schools Allocated directly to Local Authority maintained schools for their own use to address school building and Information Communication Technology needs.	£246,343

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GOVERNMENT FUNDING	
Devolved Formula Capital – Voluntary Aided maintained schools Allocated directly to Voluntary Aided maintained schools for their own use to address school building and Information Communication Technology needs.	£165,161
LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING	
Capital Expenditure Revenue Account funding In addition to the funding outlined above, the Local Authority makes a contribution towards capital works in schools.	£345,821

4.0 The sections below and attached appendix detail the key capital programmes and projects this funding is supporting.

School Condition Allocation – LA maintained schools.	£843,008	Programme of planned maintenance (mechanical, electrical & building) works to address condition issues at various community schools – see appendix 1.
School Condition Allocation – VA maintained schools.	£858,851	Programme of works to address condition & suitability issues at voluntary aided schools – programmes to be agreed with Liverpool Archdiocese, Chester Diocese & Shrewsbury Diocese.
School Modernisation Projects (Funded from School Condition Allocation).	£400,000	A programme to address modernisation & suitability issues. Schools invited to bid for funding.
Access Initiative Projects.	£70,000	Improvements to buildings & grounds at schools. Schools to be invited to bid for funding.
Fairfield Primary School.	£250,000	Contribution to extension & remodelling works (£125,000 to be funded in 15/16 & 16/17).

In addition to the above main programmes, capital funding is also used to fund some minor programmes of work including asbestos management, fire compartmentation and a contingency fund is held to address emergency health and safety issues.

- 5.0 In addition to the above capital programmes Halebank CE VC Primary School is to be rebuilt as part of the Government's Priority School Building Programme. The Education Funding Agency is due to complete the Financial Business Case by the end of March. At this stage it is anticipated the construction of the new school will start in June 2015 & be complete by April 2016.

6.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
DfE Capital Allocations 15/16 – February 2015. Priority School Building Programme – May 2012.	Rutland House	Phil Dove