

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 18 January 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – People

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People and Families

SUBJECT: Capital Programme – 2018/19

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report provides a summary of the capital programmes for 2018/19 for the People Directorate.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) The capital funding available for 2018/19 is noted;**
- 2) The proposals to be funded from School Condition Capital Allocation are approved;**
- 3) The capital allocations are put forward for inclusion in the Budget report to full Council.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In October 2017 the Department for Education announced the schools Capital grant allocations for 2018/19 and confirmed that there will be no change in the methodology used in 2017/18 for 2018/19, therefore Halton should receive the same amount as in 2017/18 i.e. £1,086,031.

3.2 Halton will also receive Healthy Pupils Capital Funding in 2018/19, which is as a result of £100m of revenue generated from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy. This funding is for one financial year only and is intended to improve access to facilities such as kitchens, dining facilities, changing rooms, playgrounds and sports facilities. Details of the amount that Halton will receive has not yet been announced, and an update will be provided once the allocation has been confirmed.

3.3 The Department for Education have also announced Special Provision Capital Funding for local authorities to invest in provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities aged 0-25 to improve the quality and range of provision available to the Local Authority. The funding is for a range of provision types where this benefits children and young people with education, health and care (EHC) plans aged between 0 and 25 and will commence in 2018/19. The total funding allocation across all

local authorities is £215M and Halton's allocation over a 3 year period is £500,000 (three payments of £166,666 each year if approved). Officers are reviewing current provision and identifying areas of potential need, and once this review has been undertaken the Local Authority will be consulting with relevant stakeholders including parents, carers, and educational institutions which offer special educational provision, and will determine how best to invest the capital funding over the three year period to maximise the benefit of provision. The Local Authority is then required to complete and publish its plan on the Council's Local Offer page by 14th March 2018, with continued updates in March 2019, March 2020, and March 2021. The Council's Executive Board will consider any capital expenditure proposals in a report during Spring 2018.

- 3.4 Detailed in the table below is the funding available to support capital projects across the school estate:

GOVERNMENT FUNDING	
School Condition Allocation – Local Authority maintained schools (INDICATIVE FIGURE) Allocated to fund condition and suitability projects at Local Authority maintained schools.	£1,086,031
School Condition Allocation – Voluntary Aided maintained schools (INDICATIVE FIGURE) Allocated to fund condition and suitability projects at Voluntary Aided schools.	£849,061
Healthy Pupils Capital Funding Allocated to fund improvements to facilities such as kitchens, dining facilities, changing rooms, playgrounds and sports facilities.	TBC
Special Provision Capital Fund - 2018/19 allocation Allocated to fund new places and improvements to existing facilities for children and young people with Education Health Care (EHC) Plans. Total 3 year allocation is £500,000.	£166,667
Devolved Formula Capital – Local Authority maintained schools (INDICATIVE FIGURE) Allocated directly to Local Authority maintained schools for their own use to address school building and Information Communication Technology needs.	£245,495
Devolved Formula Capital – Voluntary Aided maintained schools (INDICATIVE FIGURE) Allocated directly to Voluntary Aided maintained schools for their own use to address school building and Information Communication Technology needs.	£160,034

4.0 School Condition Allocation funding.

4.1 The table below details how the School Condition funding will be allocated.

Description	Estimated costs	Description
Computer Aided Design Plans	£2,500	Used to update plans of school buildings where improvement works have been carried out.
Kitchen gas safety / ventilation	£45,000	A rolling programme to address gas safety issues in school kitchens
Asbestos Management	£20,000	Annual update of asbestos surveys and undertaking of resulting remedial works.
Access Initiative Projects	£75,000	Fund that schools can bid for to resolve accessibility issues within school buildings.
Contingency	£83,540	Used for emergency and health and safety works that arise during the year.
Capital Repairs	£897,204	The detailed capital repairs programme for 2018/19 can be found in Appendix 1.
Total	£1,123,244	

The total amount of £1,123,244 detailed above comprises £1,086,031 School Condition Allocation, together with a required total contribution from schools of circa £37,213. The figures are based at this time on current budget costs for the works.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The programme of works will allow the Council to continue to meet its requirement to enhance the environments through capital projects, and to ensure the Council has sufficient school places.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 In October 2017 the DfE announced indicative capital allocations for 2018/19. The indicative capital allocation of funding for 2018/19 (£1,086,031) is the same as 2017/18. In the event that the allocation is reduced, the amount of funding available for elements of the programme will be reduced accordingly.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Capital Repairs Programme will contribute to Halton's Carbon Management Programme by producing more energy efficient buildings.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

8.1 Children and Young People in Halton.

The Capital Programme will address condition and suitability issues within school buildings and will improve the learning environment for children and young people.

8.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

N/A

8.3 A Healthy Halton

N/A

8.4 A Safer Halton

N/A

8.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

N/A

9.0 RISK ANALYSIS

9.1 Capital Repairs

It is current practice for schools to contribute towards the cost of works. Whilst schools are aware of the proposed works, consultation with schools on their contribution to the proposed works will take place following the Council's consideration of the budget report in March 2018. If schools cannot or are not willing to contribute, any proposed projects will not be carried out in 2018/19.

10.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

10.1 The Access Initiative Programme provides funding to improve the accessibility of mainstream schools for pupils with disabilities and the wider community. Consideration to access issues is given in all building projects. The capacity of schools to meet the needs of children with more complex needs and disabilities will be developed further through building works at schools.

11.0 REASON(S) FOR DECISION

11.1 To deliver and implement the capital programmes.

12.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 Not applicable.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

13.1 Capital Programmes for 2018/19 to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2018.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Schools Capital Funding Allocations 2018/19 Department for Education 19/10/2017.	People Directorate	Catriona Gallimore

