

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	<b>TO:</b>	Schools Forum
	<b>DATE:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> June 20200
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	<b>TITLE:</b>	Up-date on SEN Sufficiency Projects.
<b>1. Background</b>		
<b>1.1</b>	<p>On 20 May 2019, Cabinet approved a report setting out the Local Authority's proposals to utilise capital funding to increase the sufficiency of school places for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Rotherham.</p> <p>On 16<sup>th</sup> September Cabinet approved a capital spending programme of £1.186 million to create 111 additional school places in Rotherham starting from 2020, for children with special education needs and disabilities</p> <p>This Report provides an up-date with regard to the progress of these Units.</p>	
<b>2. Key Issues</b>		
<b>2.1</b>	<p>The Dedicated Schools Grant (High Needs Budget) in Rotherham has been under significant pressure since the introduction of the SEND Code of Practice in 2015. There is now increased demand for statutory assessments and for placements within specialist education provision. An increase in places in Rotherham for children with autistic spectrum conditions, moderate learning difficulties and social, emotional and mental health issues will reduce the pressure caused both by the predicted rise in numbers of children with education, health and care plans but also on the pressure to place children in high cost independent specialist provision because of a lack of appropriate local resources.</p>	
<b>2.2</b>	<p>Rotherham's SEN Sufficiency projections estimate that by September 2020 there will be 2312 children with Education, Health and Care plans in Rotherham rising to 2500 children in 2021.</p>	
<b>2.3</b>	<p>In order to meet the needs of the growing population of children with identified Special Education Needs in Rotherham and to avoid costly out of area placements the Council has approved a Capital Spending programme of £1.186 million pounds which will provide an additional 111 specialist school placements for children with Special Education Needs. These are in addition to the 125 places which were agreed in phase 1.</p>	
<b>2.4</b>	<p>This report identifies that most agreed projects will be impacted by the recent Coronavirus management and it is not possible to predict the impact on this on constructions yet. Most projects will be built in August and it is not clear at present whether they can be delivered within timescales.</p>	

In addition to uncertainty regarding continuation of building works there have been some additional delays and project issues, these are as follows:

The Aspire Primary site at Canalside: It is expected that the Canalside property will be ready by October 2020 creating a delay of one month from projected timescales.

The extensive works planned at Thomas Rotherham College (TRC) are projected to cost £400,000 which is an additional £250,000 to the funding already identified. TRC have offered a contribution of £100,000. The Council Designers are reviewing the plans to see what areas can be revised to accommodate the TRC vision whilst reducing the projected costs to circa £250,000.

Wath Victoria was tendered and was substantially over the budget of £100,000. This is currently being valued engineered by the Council's Design and Projects Team.

**RISK**

*It should be noted that due to Covid19 there is a significant risk to projects not being completed on time.*

**3. Key Actions and Timelines**

3.1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School</b></p> <p><b>Maltby Hilltop School</b> (Nexus)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposal and Timescales</b></p> <p>SEND Phase 2 Additional Classrooms 6 places Modular Unit £130,000.</p> <p>The tender report had come in at £182,000. Maltby Hilltop are providing £57,000 with the Council funding the remaining £125,000.</p> <p>Smaller modular unit repriced by R H Fullwoods as part of value engineering exercise. Tender report £151,036.29. Approved.</p> <p>Funding: Council £121,000 Maltby Hilltop School £40,000</p> <p>Planning application submitted 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. RB2020/0131 and was approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.</p> <p>Timescale:</p> <p>Start on site: 29/06/2020 Completion: 21/08/2020</p>	
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<p><b>Kelford School</b> (Nexus)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 2 Remodelling of classroom and provision of external canopy 5 places £65,000</p> <p>Remodelling of classroom completed during February half term.</p> <p>Canopy to be completed during the school summer holidays.</p> <p>Planning application submitted 5th February 2020. RB2020/0185 Approved: 31/03/2020</p> <p>Completion: 21/08/2020.</p>
<p><b>Wath Victoria Primary School</b> (JMAT)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 2 Additional classroom 10 places £100,000</p> <p>Delayed due to Covid 19</p> <p>Timescale: Operational from September 2020 to be reviewed.</p> <p>Tenders received: £234,557. Substantially over the budget. Currently being valued engineered to reduce cost.</p> <p>Planning submission: 31/1/2020 Planning approval: 27/3/2020 Building Regs. Approval: 1/5/2020 Tender period: 3/4/2020 - 11/5/2020 Onsite: TBA</p>
<p><b>Thomas Rotherham College</b> <b>Post 16</b></p>	<p>SEND Phase 2 Unit for post 16 20 places £150,000</p> <p>Mezzanine floor to the dining area to provide the additional space for 20 places.</p> <p>TRC have offered a contribution of £100,000.</p>

		<p>Total budget £250,000.</p> <p>Delayed by Covid19</p> <p>Further work undertaken with the contractor showed the college brief/proposals to be in excess of the budget of £250,000.</p> <p>The Council Design and Projects Team are presenting options to the college to enable the project to be within the £250,000 budget.</p> <p>Because of the Covid delay and further revalue engineering works the project has been put back to September 2021.</p>	
	<p><b>Milton School</b> (Interaction and Communication Academy Trust Limited)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 1 and 2 Classrooms 20 Places £400,000</p> <p>Planning submission: 24/1/2020 Planning approval: 20/3/2020 Building Regs. Approval: 20/3/2020 Tender period 6/3/2020: 3/4/2020 Tender £398,964.12</p> <p>Start on site delayed due to Covid19</p> <p>Start on site: 22/6/2020 Completion: 09/10/2020</p>	
	<p><b>Wales High School</b> (Wales Academy Trust)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 1 and 2 Classrooms 20 Places £400,000</p> <p>Extension of Wales High School is projected to cost £459,000 that is £59,000 over budget. Wales High School is unable to contribute to these costs. The Council to fund the additional cost from Basic Funding projects that have slipped to 2021</p> <p>Start on site delayed due to Covid 19</p>	

		<p>Planning submission: 24/1/2020 RB2020/0134 Planning approval: 09/3/2020 Building Regs. Approval: 6/3/2020 Tender period: 7/2/2020 – 6/3/2020</p> <p>Started on site 01/06/2020 Completion: 16/10/2020</p>	
	<p><b>Brinsworth Academy</b> (Learner Engagement and Achievement Partnership Multi-Academy Trust)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 2 Classrooms 15 Places £250,000</p> <p>The initial estimated cost was £306,000 based on Brinsworth Academy proposals. The design has been revised to reduce costs down to below £250,000. These options were sent to Brinsworth on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.</p> <p>Delayed due to Covid19</p> <p>Brinsworth response received 27/05/2020 to the options.</p> <p>The Council's Design and Projects Team working with the school on option appraisal.</p> <p>Operational from September 2021.</p>	
	<p><b>Waverley Junior Academy</b> (ACET)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 1 Standalone building part of new school development. 10 Places – Section 106 funding</p> <p>Delayed due to Covid 19</p> <p>The contractor Geo Haultons have revised the programme which is indicating the school buildings to be open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020; the hard landscaping would be completed approximately 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and the soft landscaping completed approx. 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.</p> <p>Completion 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.</p>	

3.2	<p><b>Thrybergh Primary School</b> (Wickersley Partnership Trust)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 2 10 Places Use of Rainbow Children Centre building £41,000</p> <p>Rainbow Centre to be retained by the Council for use by a private nursery.</p> <p>The Hengis Block will be transferred to the Wickersley Partnership Trust.</p> <p>Allocation reduced from £41,000 to £13,000. Work to be procured by Wickersley Partnership Trust</p> <p>Delayed due to Covid19</p> <p>Operational from September 2020.</p>	
	<p><b>Aspire</b></p>	<p>SEND Phase 1 and Phase 2 15 Places Phase 1 10 Places Phase 2 £75,000</p> <p>Phase 1 completed August 2019 £49,000</p> <p>Phase 2 Waiting for brief, delayed move to Canalside Property due to Flooding. Flood clearance work (including clearing contaminated land) due to be completed by October 2020.</p>	
	<p><b>Rockingham Caretakers House</b> (Willow Tree Academy Trust)</p>	<p>SEND Phase 2 10 Places £70,000</p> <p>Work to be procured by Willow Tree Trust</p> <p>Currently with RMBC legal team preparing legal agreement for the expenditure of the £70,000</p> <p>Operational from September 2021.</p> <p>Building project is being managed by the Trust. Legal agreements are therefore being prepared Michael Lennox in RMBC Legal.</p>	

		<p>Initial response to planning application has confirmed that the Caretakers House is built on green belt land. The Trust are working with building and legal consultants to explore the ramifications of this. This presents a significant risk to delivery and should the project be undeliverable in this property RMBC will work with the Willow Tree trust to explore alternatives.</p>	
<p>During academic year 2019/20 RMBC Special Education Needs Panel have worked to identify children and young people who would benefit from placement at these new provisions in accordance with the SEN Code of Practice 2015. It is anticipated that these Units will be fully utilised by academic year 2020/21.</p>			
<p><b>4. Recommendations</b></p>			
<p><b>4.1</b></p>	<p>That the progress in relation to developing the new SEN Sufficiency projects is noted.</p>		