5. Summary

In response to the requirements of curriculum change through the 14-19 reforms and also the emerging requirements for increased levels of professional development for school staff through the BSF programme, there is a need to enhance our existing capacity to deliver ICT training and increase work placement opportunities for students. Our CLCs at Rawmarsh and Winterhill are well positioned to meet the additional demand in respect of having appropriately skilled staff and the pedagogical understanding of our schools requirements but demand for provision is already outstripping supply so there is a need to increase capacity at each of the centres.

6. Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to agree a contribution of £600,000 for each of the CLCs at Rawmarsh and Winterhill, £1.2m in total, from the Targeted Capital Fund for 14-19.

7. Proposals and Details

In response to the requirements of curriculum change through the 14-19 reforms and also the emerging requirements for increased levels of professional development for school staff through the BSF programme, there is a need to enhance our existing capacity to deliver ICT training.

As part of the 14-19 reforms, new Diploma qualifications will offer exciting choices and opportunities to equip young people properly for adult life and help them enjoy a brighter future. The wider choice of qualifications and more flexible learning paths to suit all young people will unlock their talents and aspirations, enabling all to achieve the higher levels of skills and knowledge needed for the 21st century. The introduction of the Diploma is part of this national programme and ICT will be a key functional skill required by pupils, teachers and support staff alike.
Our CLCs at Rawmarsh and Winterhill are well positioned to meet the additional demand in respect of having appropriately skilled staff and the pedagogical understanding of our schools requirements in the application of ICT across the curriculum but capacity is a significant issue. Through investment of the Objective 1 programme, the CLCs have also successfully developed programmes of work-relevant learning that enable pupils to fulfil their work placement entitlement as part of their studies. This is particularly beneficial in addressing the shortages of work placement opportunities in our area owing to the relatively small number of organisations in the ICT and creative and media employment sectors. These are key growth sectors for our local economy and ones in which pupil skill levels will make an increasingly important contribution.

Our CLCs will also play a key role in Rotherham’s Building Schools of the Future programme, being the lead bodies for delivery of teacher training in the cross curricular use of ICT as well as supporting staff usage and development of the Rotherham Learning Portal to facilitate anytime, anywhere access to learning resources and increase collaboration across Rotherham’s Learning Communities.

**Winterhill CLC**

The extension will considerably increase the capacity in Rotherham to deliver the new Diplomas and in particular provide cutting edge facilities for those students accessing the new qualifications. In partnership with Sheffield Hallam University, the Teacher Training Suite and its innovative approach to helping teachers develop their teaching skills is considered key to improving the quality of teaching and hence retention across Rotherham schools. The capacity to host Inset for teachers will be expanded, as at the moment the CLC regularly receives more booking requests than it can accommodate. Facilities that currently include two computer suites, a small conference room, project room and two offices will be extended to include a music recording studio; a digital studio; an animation and 3D modelling suite; a combined multipurpose performance studio and lecture theatre and a specialist teacher training observation suite.

**Rawmarsh CLC**

Rawmarsh City Learning Centre has built its reputation as a respected centre of excellence over the last 7 years. In particular, the last 2 years has seen the CLC have a major impact on the achievement levels of young people and adults across Rotherham by offering opportunities for additional or alternative accreditation linked directly to the identified skills needs of local employers. These programmes have resulted in over 350 young people and adults achieving level 2 qualifications. In addition to this success the CLC has trained over 70 teachers in the use of new technologies.

Rawmarsh CLC aims to increase its capacity to deliver additional and innovative courses through its partnerships with local professional media specialists to address the learning community’s growing need. The new learning space designed in consultation with a number of professional organisations will enhance the teaching and learning experience by providing industry standard learning environments to match those found in the creative and media industry. The CLC is currently operating at capacity in terms of learning spaces and so aims to increase its provision by adding a large open multifunctional filming/photography/animation studio, a digital studio and a 12 unit ICT Suite.
8. Finance

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9. Risks and Uncertainties

External consultants have costed each of the projects. Winterhill CLC has been costed through Mansell’s and Rawmarsh CLC through Locus. An internal review of the costings and quality assurance is being conducted by EDS for CYPS.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposal supports Rotherham’s approach to delivering the 14-19 reforms and delivery of the CPD elements of the Building Schools of the Future programme.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

DCSF 14-19 Implementation Plan
DCSF Childrens Plan – increasing learning options
RMBC Building Schools of the Future programme
CLC Managers, School Effectiveness Service and Headteachers at the host schools of Rawmarsh and Winterhill.

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