
Report to: Cabinet Member, Children's Services **Date of Report:** 29 November 2011

Date of Decision: 6 December 2002

Cabinet

Date of Meeting 8 December 2011

Subject: Meols Cop High School - Library and Two Classroom Extension

Report of: Director of Young People and Families **Wards Affected:** Kew

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Exempt/Confidential? No

Purpose/Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the capital scheme detailed in this report.

Recommendation(s)

The **Cabinet Member - Children's Services** is recommended to refer the proposed scheme for class room extension and new library at Meols Cop High School, at a total cost of £760,000, and funded from specific resources, to the Cabinet for approval and inclusion in the Capital Programme and to instruct Capita Symonds to manage the project.

The **Cabinet** is requested, subject to above, to approve the proposed scheme to be funded from specific resources for inclusion in the Capital Programme and the Head of Corporate Legal Services be requested to instruct Capita Symonds to manage the project.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	✓		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
3	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
4	Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Children and Young People	✓		
6	Creating Safe Communities		✓	

7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	✓		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

The recommendation is made in accordance with the Authority's Constitution.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no revenue implications.

(B) Capital Costs

All funding for the proposed scheme is from specific, non-ring fenced resources (Capital Maintenance Grant 2011/12, Modernisation Grant and Schools Access Initiative resources).

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal	
The additional space has been calculated to meet the statutory guidance (August 2002) 'Assessing the Net Capacity of Schools'	
Human Resources	
N/A	
Equality	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

It is not anticipated that the additional works will lead to any additional impact.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD 11/47) has been consulted and comments have been incorporated into the report. The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD 548/11) has been consulted and has no comments to add to the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

Not applicable.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Meols Cop High School: Library and Two Classroom Extension

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Meols Cop High School is experiencing a severe shortage in teaching areas due to the number of SEN children on roll and the introduction of the Baccalaureates at the school in September 2011.
- 1.2 The combinations of which, has meant the school is under-resourced for teaching areas. As a temporary measure the school hired two portable classrooms to alleviate the problem.
- 1.3 When the school became a performing arts college, as reported on 15 September 2009, the existing library was converted into a dance studio. This was considered appropriate at the time as the school was to be considered for major new rebuild under the BSF programme, which would have replaced this lost accommodation. The library shared space with the dining area on what was intended to be a temporary basis, however, as Members will be aware the BSF proposal did not proceed and the school now require a library.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that a scheme be approved to replace the temporary classrooms and provide a new library with accessible WCs. This extension would also have a car park to serve as car parking for the school and out of hours use by the community. The scheme, totalling £760,000, is to be funded from Capital Maintenance Grant 2011/12 (£569,750) with the balance from Modernisation Grant (£88,300) and Schools Access Initiative resources (£101,950).

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 A report regarding proposed schemes to be included in the Children's Services Capital Programme was agreed on 24 October 2011 which resulted in a remaining balance of Capital Maintenance Grant of £1,089,706. Also, there are unallocated balances of Modernisation Grant (£88,300) and Schools Access Initiative resources (£101,950).
- 3.2 Members are advised that these three funding sources are not ring-fenced. However, Cabinet in March 2011, approved the overall Capital Programme, and agreed to allocate Children's Services resources for their specific use.
- 3.3 The estimated cost of the scheme provided by the Council's consultant, Capita Symonds is £760,000; inclusive of all fees and contingencies.
- 3.3 The financial implications of this report for the Council are that, if the above scheme is approved, a balance of £519,956 Capital Maintenance Grant is available to support further schemes.
- 3.4 The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD 11/47) comments that approval of the scheme at Meols Cop High School can be fully funded from the specific non-ring fenced resources outlined above, which are included within the Capital Programme.