

Report of the Strategic Director Children's Services to the meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 11th April 2018

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Subject:

School Expansion Programme, Education Capital Funding, and Academy Conversions

Summary statement:

This report updates the committee on a number of key areas related to school organisation in the Bradford District.

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1. SUMMARY

This report updates the committee on a number of key areas related to school organisation in the Bradford District.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has been undertaking a programme of school expansions since 2010 to deal with an increasing number of pupils requiring school places. Since 2010, an extra 8,790 new primary school places have been created and a further 690 are in the process of being delivered. Additionally, 150 new secondary school places have been delivered and a further 500 are in delivery.
- 2.2 At secondary level, a number of schools have also increased their Published Admission Numbers (PAN) and two new Free Schools, which the Educational Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) are in the process of delivering, will create an extra 1,200 places.
- 2.3 The increase in primary numbers has slowed with forecast numbers in some areas of the District starting to reduce. The pressure on pupil numbers at secondary level is increasing as the increased primary numbers move through the system. The secondary school expansions that the Council is undertaking together with the new Free Schools the ESFA are delivering should deliver sufficient places for future years.
- 2.4 Schools Capital Maintenance Grant and Devolved Formula Capital allocations are normally announced by the ESFA in March/April 2018 for all Councils.
- 2.5 The ESFA is also expected to announce whether the Council will be allocated any Basic Need funding for 2020-2021. Basic Need funding is the money the ESFA allocates to Councils to be used for School expansion projects so that Councils can fulfill their statutory duty to make sure there are enough school places for children in the local area.
- 2.6 The Council is also undertaking a programme of School Academy conversions in line with the requirements of the Academies Act 2010. To date, the Council has converted 79 schools to academy status, and, there a further 18 in progress. This leaves a balance of 125 schools which are not academies – this includes maintained schools, trusts, voluntary aided and voluntary controlled schools, nurseries and PRUs (primary, secondary and special).
- 2.7 In addition, there are currently 7 Free Schools operating within the Bradford District according to the January 2018 Census:



PRIMARY

School	Pupil Places
Bradford Girls' Grammar School*	395
Dixons Music Primary	331
Rainbow Primary Free School	369
Total Primary	1,095

* All through school

SECONDARY

School	Pupil Places
Bradford Girls' Grammar School*	693
Dixons Kings Academy	836
Dixons McMillan Academy	575
Dixons Trinity Academy	571
One In A Million Free School	341
Total Secondary	3,016

Total Free School Pupils	4,111
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3. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

School Expansions

The following school expansion projects are currently being delivered.

The list below updates the status of schemes reported to this Committee in April 2017. All these schemes individually are valued at over £2million.

SCHOOL	STAGE	CURRENT STATUS	DESCRIPTION	PLACES
Barkerend Primary	Stage 3	In Construction	Expansion	210
Stocks Lane	Stage 2	In Construction	Expansion	105
Ilkley All Saints Primary	Stage 1	Design Development	Expansion	105
Poplars Farm Primary	Stage 1	Design Development	Expansion	210
Low Ash Primary	Stage 1	Design Development about to commence	Expansion	210
Ilkley Grammar School	Stage 1	Design Development	Expansion	195
Immanuel College	Stage 1	Design Development	Expansion	300
Parkside Secondary	Stage 1	Complete	Expansion	150
Silsden Primary School	Stage 1	Submitted for planning permission	Expansion – new enlarged school	60



			building for Silsden Primary School – currently operating on a split site.	
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Schools Capital Maintenance Grant Allocations

Since 2008, the Schools Capital Maintenance Grant (CMG) allocated to the Council has been as follows:

Table 1: Schools Capital Maintenance Grant

Year	DfE CMG Allocation	Annual % Change
2008-09	£5,392,740	
2009-10	£5,818,955	7.9%
2010-11	£5,818,955	0.0%
2011-12	£7,884,044	35.5%
2012-13	£6,351,482	-19.4%
2013-14	£6,137,430	-3.4%
2014-15	£5,614,808	-8.5%
2015-16	£5,877,114	4.7%
2016-17	£5,856,472	-0.04%
2017-18	£3,718,970	-36%
2018-19	£3,428,127	-7.82%
Total		

The Council's Building & Technical Services Team have identified the next batch of school building improvement projects which the money can be allocated to. This will include window replacements, new boilers, roof renewals, electrical and structural works.

School Devolved Formula Capital (DFC)

In addition to the Schools Capital Maintenance Grant, Schools also receive a DFC allocation. This money is now passed directly to schools.

Table 2: Annual School Devolved Formula Grant

Year	School DFC Allocation	Annual % Change
2008-09	£8,282,303	
2009-10	£8,116,273	-2.0%
2010-11	£7,531,530	-7.2%
2011-12	£1,567,639	-79.2%
2012-13	£1,488,626	-5.0%
2013-14	£1,453,034	-2.4%



2014-15	£1,317,713	-9.3%
2015-16	£1,310,363	-0.6%
2016-17	£1,315,559	0.4%
2017-18	£ 914,000	-31%
2018-19	Yet to be Announced	

Basic Need Funding Allocation

The announcement has yet to be made for 2020-2021 funding.

Table 3: Basic Need Funding

Year	Basic Need Allocation	Annual % Change
2010-11	£11,009,000	
2011-12	£17,729,194	61.0%
2012-13	£19,611,561	10.6%
2013-14	£7,644,753	-61.0%
2014-15	£7,644,753	0.0%
2015-16	£9,223,125	20.6%
2016-17	£9,684,281	5.0%
2017-18	£727,005	-92.5%
2018-19	£23,839,673	3,179%
2019-20	£1,117,248	-95.3%
2020-21	Yet to be announced	

School Academy Conversions

- On receipt of an academy order from the Department for Education, the Council undertakes a process to convert a school to academy status. This includes work being undertaken by the Council's Legal, Payroll, Human Resources, Estates and Education Client Services Teams.
- In 2017, the Council's Executive introduced a charging policy for academy conversions and the Council in line with some other Councils now charges Multi Academy Trusts a set fee for the conversion work it undertakes. The fee level depends on the size and status of the school.
- The Capital Maintenance Grant the Council receives (detailed in table 2), reduces each year to reflect the number of schools which have converted to academy status as maintenance for these schools is then funded directly by the Department for Education.



4. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The Council requires the Capital Maintenance Grant to fund major school repairs.

5. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

6.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

None

6.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

All school improvement projects and school expansion schemes are carried out to current building standards. Energy efficient boilers, LED lighting and high levels of insulation are used wherever possible.

6.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None.

6.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None.

6.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None.

6.6 TRADE UNION IMPLICATIONS

None.

6.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Section 3 shows the list of schools expansions which are being undertaken and planned in different wards across the District.

7. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.



8. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee notes the report.

9. APPENDICES

None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12th April 2017 regarding ESFA capital announcements and the school capital investment programme.

