

Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children's Services to the meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 10th April 2019

Subject:

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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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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Children Services

1. SUMMARY

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

2. BACKGROUND

- 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 8895 new primary school places have been created and a further 585 are in the process of being delivered. Additionally, 150 new secondary school places have been delivered and a further 500 are in delivery.
- At secondary level, a number of schools have also increased their Published Admission Numbers (PAN) and two new Free Schools, which the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) are in the process of delivering, will create an extra 1,200 places for statutory aged pupils.
- 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.
- Schools Capital Maintenance Grant and Devolved Formula Capital allocations are normally announced by the ESFA in March/April 2019 for all Councils.
- 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 95 schools to academy status, and, there a further 6 in progress. This leaves a balance of 102 schools which are not academies, including maintained, trust, voluntary aided, voluntary controlled schools, nurseries and PRUs (primary, secondary and special).
- In addition, there are currently 8 Free Schools operating within the Bradford District according to the School Census at October 2018:

PRIMARY

School	Pupils on roll (rec-y6)
Bradford Girls' Grammar School*	388
Dixons Music Primary	389
Rainbow Primary Free School	397
Total Primary	1174

* All through school

SECONDARY

School	Pupils on roll (y7-11)/incl Post16
Bradford Girls' Grammar School*	568/698
Dixons Kings Academy	835
Dixons McMillan Academy	577/726
Dixons Trinity Academy	579
One In A Million Free School	367
Total Secondary	2926/3205

Total Free School Pupils	4100/4379
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3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- None

4. 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	Complete	Expansion	210
Stocks Lane	Stage 2	Complete	Expansion	105
Ilkley All Saints Primary	Stage 1	In Construction	Expansion	105
Poplars Farm Primary	Stage 1	In Construction	Expansion	210
Low Ash Primary	Stage 1	Design Development*	Expansion	210
Ilkley Grammar School	Stage 1	Under Construction	Expansion	195
Immanuel College	Stage 1	In Construction	Expansion	300
Silsden Primary School	Stage 1	At Tender Stage	Expansion – new enlarged school building for Silsden Primary School – currently operating on a split site.	60

- Note the implementation of the Low Ash Expansion Scheme may be delayed for 12 months and is currently being reviewed due to the slower creation of extra pupil places from approved house building projects.

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%
2019-20	Allocation not yet announced	0%
Total		

- The Council's Building & Technical Services Team undertake projects such as window replacements, new boilers, roof renewals, electrical and structural works with the Capital Maintenance Grant Funding

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	£867,542	-5.08%
2019-20	£0	0%

One-Off Additional School Capital Funding

- In the Budget 2018, the Government announced an extra £400 million additional capital funding for schools in England for 2018-19.
- Bradford received £1,494,260 on the 7th February 2019 which was passed onto schools directly by the DfE. A separate allocation was made to VA schools.
- Schools were advised they could spend this additional devolved formula capital funding on capital projects to meet their own priorities but did say that they expected it to be used for improvements rather than major capital projects.

Basic Need Funding Allocation

- The current Spending Review settlement covers budgets until 2021. Announcements regarding funding for places will not be available until the next Spending Review allocates budgets for that period. There will a Spending Review in 2019, but the exact timing has not yet been confirmed by the Chancellor.

- In 2017 £4million of the Basic Need grant was allocated to SEND development. Further discussions are on-going regarding the need for a further allocation, to enable the capital works to meet the growing need for specialist places across the District.
- 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	£0	100%
2021-2022	Not yet announced	%

School Academy Conversions

- 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.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- There are no legal issues arising from this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- None

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- The Local Authority must not discriminate directly or indirectly against any group or individual. The schools and any proposed new provision will continue to cater for the needs of all children and serve its community. As part of the proposed SEND expansion programme, an Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out.

7.2 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.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- None

7.6 TRADE UNION

- None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

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

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- None

9. OPTIONS

- None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Committee notes the report.

11. APPENDICES

- None

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11th April 2018 regarding ESFA capital announcements and the school capital investment programme.