

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	29 May 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources) Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject:	Early Learning and Childcare 1140 Hours: Accommodation Requirements
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide a further update on the remaining accommodation projects required in the provision of 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare from August 2020;
- ◆ request approval for this final tranche of capital projects in order to meet the shortfall in provision

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the next tranche of accommodation requirements, as detailed in Table 1 of the report, be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. An update on the accommodation expansion of Early Learning and Childcare was brought to Executive Committee on 15 August 2018.
- 3.2. Given the implementation date of August 2020, the Executive Committee agreed to the commencement of a first tranche of projects while there was further work on reviewing options and identifying projects across other areas.
- 3.3. Since the Executive Committee of 15 August 2018, further consultation with partner providers has taken place in relation to the availability of partner places. This did not impact significantly on the requirement for further accommodation in identified areas.
- 3.4. As previously reported, in considering the 1140 hours expansion requirements, including both the capacity of partner providers (less a capacity delivery risk tolerance) and estimated community growth of 950 between now and 2021, we have projected a shortfall of 2,064 nursery places scattered across South Lanarkshire.
- 3.5. A further report was brought to Executive Committee on 13 February 2019 requesting approval to move forward with a second tranche of capital projects. The total projects identified at that time accounted for approximately 1,800 of the 2,064 nursery places required (approximately 87%).

- 3.6. Further projects to address the remainder shortfall of places were to be brought to a future meeting of this committee.

4. Further Update on Accommodation Requirements – 3rd Tranche of Capital Works

- 4.1. Beyond the projects previously approved in August 2018 and February 2019 work has continued to confirm suitable accommodation, the main areas being Cathkin/Rutherglen, Rural/Biggar and the Hamilton area.
- 4.2. In order that the Council can meet its statutory requirement to provide 1140 hours places for August 2020 and cope with estimated population growth to 2021, further capital projects identified are now listed in the table below:

Table 1: 3rd Tranche of Capital Programme of Works

Area	Type of Works	Nursery
Cathkin/Rutherglen	New Build	Springhall
Rural/Biggar	Adaptation	Carstairs Junction Primary School
East Kilbride	Adaptation	Mount Cameron Primary School
Ham A – Larkhall	Adaptation	Glengowan Primary School
Ham A – Larkhall	Adaptation	Newfield Primary School
Ham B - Hamilton	Adaptation	Chatelherault Primary School
Ham B – Hamilton	Adaptation	St Paul's Primary School
Ham C – Whitehill/Burnbank	Adaptation	Glenlee Primary School

- 4.3. Within the overall programme, there are around 30 projects, 7 of which are new builds with 3 of them being delivered through the HubSW.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The total cost of the 3rd tranche of projects outlined in table 1 above has been estimated at £3.700 million and this expenditure is part of the previously reported high level indicative net costs of £32.3m. This estimated spend is in line with that indicated in the Council's capital strategy which was approved by Executive Committee in November 2018. Funding these costs from government grant and borrowing was approved in the Executive Committee paper of 13 February 2019.
- 5.2. The annual revenue costs associated with this capital programme will require to be funded from the revenue grant for 1140 hours allocated by the Scottish Government.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. A paper on the revenue and staffing implications for the delivery of 1140 hours in 2019/2020 was presented to Executive Committee on 13 February 2019 and reflected the requirements for the coming academic year August 2019. Further requirements for additional staffing in preparation for August 2020 will be reported to a future Executive Committee.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The provision of sufficient 1140 places to enable the Council to meet its statutory duty in 2020 is recognised as a high risk within the Council's risk register, and is dependent on the timely completion of the capital programme. Any delay to the programme will increase the associated risk to the Council.

7.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. An initial equality assessment has been carried out, however this will be updated as more specific information becomes available. As per the Scottish Government expansion guidance, the expansion plan will ensure consideration of the accessibility requirements of Early Learning and Childcare.

8.2. Cross resource discussion, meetings and planning has been taking taken place given the wide ranging nature of the early learning and childcare requirements.

8.3. Consultation and engagement has taken place with a range of stakeholders, and this approach will be on going, as required, until the 1140 hours initiative is implemented.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee, 15 August 2018, Early Learning and Childcare 1140 Hours Update – Accommodation Requirements
- ◆ Executive Committee, 13 February 2019, Early Learning and Childcare 1140 Hours Accommodation Requirements

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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