

**MEETING: Cabinet DATE: 06/03/2018**

<b>Title: Education Capital Strategy Next Phase Key Decisions</b>		
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All wards	
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<b>Cabinet lead:</b>	Cllr Anna Keen	<b>Director lead: Jacqui Jensen</b>
<b>Proposal origin:</b> <i>Councillor</i>		
<b>Decision maker:</b> Mayor <b>Decision forum:</b> <i>Cabinet</i>		
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> Report will ask for key decisions to enable the continued delivery of the Education Capital Strategy objectives.		
<p><b>Evidence Base: Background to Requested Key Decisions</b></p> <p>On 27th January 2016 the previous Mayor approved the Integrated Education &amp; Capital Strategy (2015-2019) at the Learning City Partnership Board. The Integrated Education &amp; Capital Strategy developed an integrated approach and capital plan across all education sectors and partners. Its key aim is to ensure sufficient places in schools and education settings that are suitable for their purpose and in good condition.</p> <p>In order to continue to meet the key object of sufficiency of places as identified in the strategy, the Council needs to ensure that 13 additional forms of entry in mainstream secondary are made available by 2019. While some of these places will be created in negotiation with providers without the need for capital investment, to ensure sufficiency it is essential to invest in the permanent expansion of Bristol Brunel Academy and the construction of a new 6 form of entry free school in the North. The education capital projects are delivered through Bristol LEP Limited ('BLEP'). In July 2003 the Council entered into a Strategic Partnering Agreement with BLEP providing BLEP with exclusivity to deliver major capital education projects over the value of £500k. The Strategic Partnering Agreement runs until July 2021.</p> <p>The Local Authority submits annual returns to the Education &amp; Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) setting out the basic need for school places. This informs the allocation of Basic Need funding from the ESFA. In 2017/2018 £10,998,116 Education Basic Need Capital Grant was secured from the ESFA for the 2019/20 financial year. The Council also received Special Educational Needs ring fenced Basic Need Grant of £2,521,566 for years 2018/19 to 2020/21. Funding for the new Cathedral School Trust Trinity School will be provided in a grant to the council by the ESFA. The basic needs funding is profiled to be spent in 2019/20 in accordance with the timing of when the grant will be received. Approval is sought to spend this £26.7m Education Basic Need Capital Grant on urgent, essential projects to meet continuing need and ensure sufficient places in schools and education settings that are: suitable for their purpose, sustainable and in good condition. At the time of writing, it is envisaged that the funding will contribute to delivering projects at Bristol Brunel Academy (1FE secondary expansion, estimated value £1.7m) and Trinity Academy, 6 Forms of Entry and Sixth Form (Secondary, estimated value £25m), however this may be subject to change. A summary of the capital projects is attached at Appendix 1. The projects will be delivered through BLEP.</p> <p>Appendix 2 contains data from the place planning team. This identifies the current year 7 capacity within Bristol schools and the projected 'need' based on current year 6 data. The appendix demonstrates that if the proposed projects are not delivered, the City will have failed in its statutory duty to ensure sufficient places are available for Bristol's young people.</p>		
<b>Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:</b> To delegate to the Educational Improvement Director authority to spend £26.7m on capital schools projects in consultation with the portfolio holder and S151 officer.		

<b>Revenue Cost: £ 0</b>	<b>Source of Revenue Funding: N/A</b>
<b>Capital Cost: £26.7m</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sources of Capital Funding: £1,200,000 Basic Need Grant 2018/19,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£25,00,000 ring fenced grant with t&amp;c's from Education &amp; Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) £500k has already been approved under cost code P14794-1008 making total budget £25,500,000</li> </ul>						
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<b>Finance Advice:</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Bristol Brunel Academy (BBA) – 1FE Secondary Expansion</td><td><b>£1.700m</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Trinity Academy – 6FE Free School and Sixth Form in North Bristol</td><td><b>£25.000m</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>£26.7m</b></td></tr> </table>		Bristol Brunel Academy (BBA) – 1FE Secondary Expansion	<b>£1.700m</b>	Trinity Academy – 6FE Free School and Sixth Form in North Bristol	<b>£25.000m</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£26.7m</b>
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<b>Finance Business Partner:</b> <i>David Tully –Finance Business Partner. Detail at Appendix 3</i>							

<b>Corporate Strategy alignment:</b> Meets 'Keep Bristol working and learning' corporate objective.
<b>Legal Advice:</b> See appendix A2
<b>Legal Team Leader:</b> Sinead Willis, Commercial and Governance Team, I confirm I have provided advice on the report provided to me on 5 February 2018.
<b>City Benefits:</b> See appendix A2
<b>Consultation Details:</b> n/a

<b>DLT Sign-off</b>	Sue Rogers	29.11.17
<b>SLT Sign-off</b>		23.01.18
<b>Cabinet Member sign-off</b>	Cllr Keen	30.01.18
<b>For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off</b>	Ellie Milone	05.01.18

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	<b>YES</b>
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	<b>NO</b>
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	<b>NO</b>
Appendix D – Risk assessment	<b>NO</b>
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal -	<b>YES</b>
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal -	<b>NO</b>
Appendix G – Exempt Information	<b>NO</b>
Appendix H – Legal Advice	<b>YES</b>
Appendix I – Combined Background papers	<b>No</b>