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# Executive summary

Mott MacDonald has been commissioned to undertake a series of feasibility studies and cost estimates for the Specialist Provision for Bristol City Council.

The below is a high-level summary of the overarching feasibility report that Mott MacDonald produced on behalf of Bristol City Council, dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. Thus, reference shall be made to the overarching document.

## **Broomhill:**

Broomhill Junior School is located within Brislington and is recognised by Bristol City Council as being an excellent provider to meet the needs of SEND pupils. The vision is for the school to become a 'Centre of Excellence' and provide outreach support to other local schools. To increase the provision of SEND places Bristol City Council plan to build a further modular unit to be placed on site.

## **Throgmorton:**

The proposed works are on Throgmorton House, an existing primary school which is currently a specialist children services building occupied by Sirona and Ilminster Primary School. The proposed development will allow for an additional 50 students to attend the school through the refurbishment of the existing site.

The proposed medium scale refurbishment of the building will aim to provide more open plan layouts and an improved experience for students.

## **Ventures:**

Bristol City Council have agreed to support Ventures Academy through a capital fund transfer for external area upgrades. The external area upgrades, namely an Astro Turf and fencing will increase the pupils experience at the school through the increase in external space for learning and play. All quotes have been externally verified and considered to be reasonable based on current analysis in May 2022.

## **CAB:**

Cabot Learning Foundation would like to fully utilise an existing building on site to increase the number of SEND pupil places they can offer. The standalone building, Bristol Beacon Centre, is in good structural condition but will need a refurbishment based on its 1997 age. To allow the current tenants (which are not connected to the school) to remain using the building, the control option plans to separate the building to ensure segregation through the creation of a new entrance which will be behind the school's secure line. The scheme aims to increase pupil numbers by approximately 12 through the creation of two new classrooms.

## **Blaise Caretakers:**

Blaise Caretakers is a vacant caretakers house which forms part of the Blaise High School. It is understood to have been vacant for some time. It is proposed to redevelop the house to accommodate a SEND resource for approximately 10 pupils. The proposed development at the Site includes refurbishments to the internal and external parts of the building, the garage and the landscaping.

## **Sefton Park**

Sefton Park Infants and Junior Schools are situated in Ashley Down, Bristol. The proposed building, Block F, and its vacant first floor are proposed to be reutilised to facilitate a SEND

resource for approximately 6 pupils. Notably, the resource will have capacity to facilitate an additional 6 pupils should the demand increase, bringing the total to 12 students, by utilising a spare room as an additional classroom. The developments at this Site will include the refurbishment of the internal and external parts of the building, such as provision of new flooring and repairs to the roof.

### **Harry Crook Centre**

Harry Crook Centre is a facility located in Fishponds, Bristol with a proposed SEND resource for approximately 18 pupils. The Downend Boxing Club utilises some of the rooms at the Site and it is understood that this arrangement will continue. The proposed development at the Site includes the internal and external refurbishments of the main building and notable works associated with the garage and its anticipated conversion to a kitchen diner. In addition, it is proposed to demolish the summer house and the decking and utilise the space to facilitate a modular unit to provide increased student capacity.

### **St. Christophers**

St Christophers School, also known as Aurora Street St Christophers School, is a vacant site that is proposed for redevelopment to residential retirement homes. The provision of SEND is proposed to be located in a two-storey building in the south-east corner of the site boundary. The proposed development requires extensive surveys to capture essential information and extensive works, including internal reconfigurations, notable external repairs, landscaping and potential works associated with the supply of utilities. It is proposed to accommodate a SEND resource of approximately 10-12 pupils.

### **Orchard**

The feasibility of Orchard School has not been produced at the time of writing. However, high level cost estimates have been produced to provide an indicative cost associated with the proposed development.

## **Extracts of feasibilities produced by others**

### **Briarwood – extract from Stride Treglown memo dated July 2020**

To install two storey, traditional built-building to house specialist SEN provision on site. This would be tailored for Post-16 SLD (ambulant) needs to cater for sixth formers from the Briarwood site. The proposed layout is for 2no classrooms, a food tech / life skills room, and associated spaces. The space surrounding the building is limited, so there is no longer space for vehicle drop-off. This has been discussed with the School and agreed that the main school car park can be used. Pupils are likely to be escorted by staff members when travelling between Briarwood Special School (to the south of the site) and the former Caretakers House site.

### **Long Cross – extract from Beyond Four Walls Ltd feasibility report dated February 2022**

Beyond Four Walls Ltd have been appointed by Chris Hodgins of Oasis Community Learning to carry out a feasibility study to explore options for the expansion of the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) provision at Oasis Academy Long Cross.

Based upon the brief received on 05 November 2021, we understand the school would like to expand their current SEND provision by two classrooms which will accommodate an additional fourteen pupils.

On 15 December 2021, Joe Connor of Beyond Four Walls met with the senior leadership and estates team to further develop the brief and gain a better understanding of how the current

SEND Provision operates and interacts with the main school. In addition to this we carried out a tour of the area of the school earmarked for expansion.

**New Oak – extract from Beyond Four Walls Ltd budget estimate dated May 2022**

Oasis Academy New Oak is a single form of entry primary school located in the South Bristol area for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years. The school is comprised of a number of interlinked buildings ranging in age from 1960s / 1970s to new build areas. The school has a Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) department which caters for children with learning difficulties and a separate unit for those with hearing impairments.

Beyond Four Walls Ltd have been appointed by Oasis Community Learning to carry out a feasibility study examining the options to increase the SEND provision by two further classrooms to accommodate 16 additional pupils. With this, the works will also include the addition of further support and ancillary spaces not already provided elsewhere.