



North Tyneside Council

Briefing

To: Schools Forum

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1. Issue

This Briefing Note provides Schools Forum with the most up to date information associated with the Education Capital Investment across the school estate.

- **John Spence Community High School;** new build solution funded via Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP – NE3)
 - Refurbishment of the Drama Building was completed over summer 2016.
 - Replacement boiler works were completed November 2016.
 - School took formal occupancy of new accommodation in November 2016.
 - The demolition of existing building and external works due to originally due to complete 12th June 2017 have now been delayed to 4 December 2017.

- **Longbenton Community College;** new build PFI solution funded via Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP – NE1)
 - School fully operational in new accommodation from 5th September 2016.
 - Demolition of existing buildings and external works due to complete April 2017.
 - Works on site have included engagement with Northumbrian Water and Highways department to alleviate surface water management issues in the area.

- **Marden High School;** new build solution funded via Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP – NE3)
 - School operational in new accommodation from September 2016.
 - Demolition of existing buildings and external works originally due to complete 13 April 2017 have now been delayed to 7 August 2017

- **Whitehouse Primary School;** new build solution funded via Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP – NE3)
 - School took occupancy of the new accommodation in April 2016.
 - The external works for the new build School and associated demolition of the former School building have now been fully completed

- **Backworth Park Primary School;** new build solution funded via Section 106 contributions in relation to local housing developments
 - Full Planning Approval secured 27 October 2015
 - Due to Housing Development delays in the locality, the programme has been deferred to reflect occupancy of the new school accommodation in September 2018.
 - Anticipated commencement works on site summer 2017 (Contractor to be appointed by Northumberland Estates)
 - Anticipated school occupancy September 2018.

 - **Priority Schools Building Programme 2 (PSBP 2);** Cullercoats Primary School was identified as a successful bid under PSBP2 in February 2015.
 - A scoping exercise was undertaken on behalf of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) in April 2015.
 - Information received in December 2015 has identified that Cullercoats Primary School will be subject to further feasibility studies to identify the extent and programme of works to be completed.
 - A meeting was held with the EFA in July 2016 to further review and discuss the design solution for this project.
 - In January 2017 the Council have now received notification from the EFA that the solution for this project is likely to be a refurbish programme rather than new build.
 - The details of the refurbishment works and associated timescales are still to be confirmed although it has been suggested that works would likely commence on site in October 2017.

 - **2016/17 Capital Maintenance Programme;** The approved Capital Maintenance Programme was fully delivered with 28 schools benefitting from investment

 - **2017/2018 Capital Maintenance Programme;** Following the formal Government announcement on 9 February 2015 confirming the capital allocations up to 2017/2018 (indicative), the Strategic Investment and Property Team carried out the formal consultation with all schools in November 2016 on the draft 2017/18 programme. The final investment programme was published in December 2016 detailing those priority projects to be delivered during the new financial year (Appendix 1). Individual meetings have now commenced with those schools included within the programme to agree the project detail and delivery arrangements.
- Schools Forum will note that the investment priorities for 2017/18 shows an over commitment of £8,325 against the available budget. It is anticipated that this over commitment will be managed through the agreement of individual returned tenders.
- **2018/2019 Capital Maintenance Programme;** Future years Capital Maintenance investment priorities will be identified once the EFA announce the capital allocations for 2018/19 and beyond. This will allow the team to capture any new or emerging priorities across the school estate.

2. Recommendation

Schools Forum is asked to note progress.