

**CAPITAL WORK GROUP
REPORT TO FORUM
FOR PRESENTATION AT FORUM
ON Tuesday, 9 July 2019**



Date of Work Group meeting: 25 June 2019

Items discussed (brief summary of key items):

Solihull Schools' School Asset Management Plan – Anthony Watson

- The Children's Services Capital Programme was last updated and approved by the Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills on 20 June 2019.
- The 3-year programme for 2019-22 currently totals £22.443m.
- The DfE/ESFA School Condition Allocation for 2019-20 was confirmed in the Spring Term as £2.479m, including £0.678m for the Voluntary Aided school estate.
- The DfE's Condition Data Collection Survey visits are continuing, so the allocation for 2020-21 is not yet known.

School Place Planning – Ann Pearson

- Consultation is taking place regarding expansion of St Augustine's RC school.
- Additional places at Cheswick Green, Alderbrook and St Peters remain unconfirmed, but continue to be identified within the original plan.
- The deadline for sponsorship applications for the ASD Free School is September 2019; the recent stakeholder engagement event was well attended. The DfE has confirmed it will only fund a single site.
- Four potential buildings are being considered for feasibility in terms of putting additional SEND provision in place.
- Formal confirmation is awaited from the Secretary of State regarding the closure of Auckland Education Centre. Work is taking place to ensure pupils have appropriate destinations from September 2019.
- Cabinet has approved the proposal to relocate Post-16 provision at Hazel Oak to Solihull College from September 2019.
- Ulverley and Yew Tree schools have now converted to take two year-olds. Consideration may need to be given to potentially converting all primary/infant schools to take two year-olds, if they choose to do so.
- The School Organisation Plan will be reviewed over the summer for presentation to Cabinet Member in September/October 2019, as part of the annual review process.

Landlord Approval (Academies) – Laura Watson

The Landlord Approval Request Form was shared with members. As landlord for academies, SMBC needs to know if any significant alterations are being made to their premises. Dependent on the level of work planned, a licence or letter may be required to supplement the lease, in addition to any statutory approvals. The Form will be circulated via Headlines in September 2019.

Carbon – Laura Watson

One of the Council's priorities is a commitment to its school estate becoming sustainably low carbon. This includes schools managing energy within their premises (eg. installation of LED lighting) and the Council's pledge to reduce emissions, initially through its maintained schools. More information will be circulated via Headlines and a collaboration event will take place in October 2019.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 25 September 2019.

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