

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Cabinet Members for Children, Families and Schools, and for Value for Money and Efficiency, jointly with the Strategic Director for People
Report of:	Executive Director for Education
Date of Decision:	25 July 2016
SUBJECT:	GOODWAY NURSERY SCHOOL – FULL BUSINESS CASE AND CONTRACT AWARD
Key Decision: No	Relevant Forward Plan Ref: n/a
If not in the Forward Plan: (please "tick" box)	Chief Executive approved <input type="checkbox"/> O&S Chairman approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Brigid Jones – Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools Councillor Majid Mahmood – Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Efficiency
Relevant O&S Chairman:	Cllr Susan Barnett - Schools, Children and Families Cllr Mohammed Aiklaq – Corporate Resources and Governance
Wards affected:	Oscott

1. Purpose of report:
<p>1.1 To inform members of the proposed capital scheme at Goodway Nursery School to provide a new build Nursery School which will accommodate 152 part-time places for nursery aged children.</p> <p>1.2 A private report on this agenda contains further financial information and seeks approval to place an order for works.</p>

2. Decision(s) recommended:
<p>That the Cabinet Members for Children, Families and Schools and for Value for Money and Efficiency jointly with the Strategic Director for People:</p> <p>2.1 Note the content of this report.</p>

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3. Consultation

3.1 Internal

The Leader, together with the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for Schools, Children and Families and Corporate Resources and Governance, have been consulted and agree that the proposals may go forward for an executive decision. Oscott Ward Councillors and the Executive Member for the Perry Barr District have also been consulted and support the proposal contained within the report. Officers from City Finance and Legal and Democratic Services have been involved in the preparation of this report.

3.2 External

All pupils, parents, governors, teaching and non-teaching staff have been consulted regarding the build proposals. Responses received were supportive of the proposal. There is no requirement for statutory consultation.

4. Compliance Issues

4.1 Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?

These works are required to enable the Local Authority to meet its statutory duty to secure sufficient early years and childcare provision. The spending priorities proposed are in accordance with the Schools' Capital Maintenance Programme 2015-17 approved by Cabinet on 27th July 2015. Works will contribute to Council Business Plan and Budget 2016+, particularly Safety and opportunity for all children, by every child having a fantastic childhood and the best preparation for adult life. Children will benefit from an integrated early years and health service, and be well prepared to start formal education. The provision of nursery places in permanent accommodation will also aid the safeguarding of children as compared with temporary accommodation, and will be fully integrated within existing facilities. CWM Contractors have signed up to the principles of the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility (BBC4SR) which will form part of the conditions of this contract. Prior to contract award an action plan, which supports the local economy and creates much needed job opportunities and apprenticeship schemes, proportionate to the contract sum will be agreed with them on how the charter principles will be implemented and monitored during the contract period.

4.2 Financial Implications

The capital costs for the proposed works at Goodway Nursery School are shown in the private report at paragraph 4.2 and in its Appendix A. The works will be funded from the Early Years Capital Budget and the Education Capital Maintenance Budget. The on-going revenue costs associated with the new building, staffing and any on-going day to day repair and maintenance of the building will be the responsibility of the School and funded from its own delegated budget.

4.4 Legal Implications

Pursuant to section 22 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 the local authority is required to maintain its maintained nursery schools; this includes expenses relating to premises. The duty also includes making premises available to be used for the purposes of the school.

Local authorities are required to secure sufficient early years and childcare provision (Childcare Act 2006, Children and Families Act 2014, the Local Authority (Duty to Secure Early Years Provision Free of Charge) Regulations 2014.

4.5 Public Sector Equality Duty

A Full Equality Analysis (EA0001202) was carried out in May 2016 for Education and Skills Infrastructure's Education Development Plan and Schools' Capital Programme 2016–2017. The outcomes from consultation demonstrate that proposed capital developments support positive outcomes for children, young people, their families and carers. No negative impact on people with Protected Characteristics was identified. It was concluded that sufficiency of educational places and opportunities for all children and young people contributes to providing positive life chances, and supports a positive approach to Safeguarding in Birmingham: actively reducing the number of children and young people out of school helps to mitigate risk to their safety and wellbeing.

5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

- 5.1 The Local Authority has a statutory duty to secure sufficient early years and childcare provision.
- 5.2 Goodway Nursery School was built in 1939 as a temporary wartime building catering for young children to enable mothers to work in the munitions factory. It is located in the New Oscott Ward, on Goodway Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B44 8RL. The temporary Nursery accommodation currently has Nursery places for 52 full-time equivalent children FTE (104 part-time places) aged between 2 and 4 years old.
- 5.3 Following a request from the Nursery to carry out improvement works to the exterior of the building, EdSI Asset Management advised the Nursery School to carry out a structural survey. Following the structural report's conclusions in April 2015 serious defects were exposed within the existing columns which were in a severely deteriorating condition. It was also noted that although previous repairs had been carried out on the columns, these repairs had subsequently failed and were loose. The level of deterioration identified showed that the columns had reached the end of their serviceability. Repair would prove to be cost prohibitive.
- 5.4 Due to the risk to health and safety, the structural engineer advised that the building was at the end of its life cycle and should no longer be used. The decision was then taken by Asset Management and the Head Teacher to close the Nursery School in May 2015. This resulted in the Nursery being temporarily accommodated in the nearby Greenholm School until the end of the summer term.
- 5.5 To accommodate the Nursery School in the new academic year in September, EdSI Asset Management arranged to have two temporary classrooms installed through Portakabin on a hire agreement basis. These have been located on the existing car park and grassed section at the school. A new entrance gate and pathway to the accommodation was also created.
- 5.6 The demolition of the condemned Nursery building began during the summer 2015 break, which was then completed in October 2015. The scope for the new build Nursery School is detailed in Appendix A.
- 5.7 A Form of Authority (FoA) for £47,850 was approved on 1st July 2015 to carry out the demolition works on the original building. Two further FOA's were approved for preliminary works on 14th July 2015 for £62,993 and then for the provision of the temporary accommodation on 14th August 2015 for £144,623. This was to ensure that the Nursery had accommodation available from September 2015.
- 5.8 The proposed works at Goodway Nursery consists of a standalone building. This will incorporate three teaching class-bases, cloakrooms, Head Teacher's Office, Staff room,

Administration Office, storerooms, Pupil, Staff and accessible WCs, and plant room. It will also incorporate external works, including reinstatement of the tarmac and grassed landscape works. New outdoor play equipment will be installed due to the original equipment being removed to allow for the temporary accommodation to be sited. The build will also allow for an additional 12 FTE nursery places (24 part-time places) for 2 year olds.

- 5.9 The procurement route proposed for delivery of this scheme is via the Construction West Midlands Framework with Acivico acting as Project Manager. Thomas Vale's involvement with similar schemes was taken into consideration alongside cost factors generated from a value-for-money exercise. In addition Thomas Vale has signed up to the principles of the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility and will work on an action plan demonstrating how the principles of the Charter will be implemented with Goodway Nursery School.
- 5.10 Subject to FBC Approval it is anticipated that work will commence in October 2016 and complete in May 2017. A pre-planning application was submitted in February 2016 to inform the full planning application, The full Planning application was submitted in June 2016.

6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):

- 6.1 The option of doing nothing would mean the City Council would fail to meet its statutory obligation of securing sufficient Nursery places for children
- 6.2 The Option to use Modular classrooms that were installed as a temporary measure on another school site was considered however, these did not prove to be as cost effective, due to fit out and logistical costs.

7. Reasons for Decision(s):

- 7.1 To approve the works at Goodway Nursery School and to place orders to progress the proposed works.

Signatures:

Cabinet Member, Children, Families and Schools, Cllr Brigid Jones

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Cabinet Member, Value for Money and Efficiency, Cllr Majid Mahmood

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Strategic Director, People, Peter Hay

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List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:
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Education Development Plan and Schools Capital Programme 2013-2017 Schools Capital Programme 2015-17 - Cabinet 27th July 2015 Education & Vulnerable Children Overview and Scrutiny Report on Sufficiency – September 2015 Cabinet Member Briefing Education Sufficiency Document – December 2015
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List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):
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A FBC Doc B Risk Assessment C Stakeholder Analysis D Milestone Dates and Resources

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