

## CABINET

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Report Subject</b>	School Modernisation - 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme - Band A Capital Projects - Connah's Quay High School
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Education and Youth
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Education and Youth)
<b>Type of Report</b>	Operational

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform Cabinet of the changes to the operational construction programme for Band A - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme.

To invite Cabinet to approve modernisation works at Connah's Quay High School.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Cabinet is requested to consider the operational changes to the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century school programme.
2	Cabinet is requested to approve the continuation of the school capital project at Connah's Quay High School to design development, tender and Full Business Case submission to the Welsh Government, in line with programme criteria.

## REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE SCHOOL MODERNISATION - 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - BAND A CAPITAL PROJECTS - CONNAH'S QUAY HIGH SCHOOL</b>
1.01	The Council has an agreed funding package with Welsh Government (WG) for its 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Schools Band A programme of £64.2m. This is funded on a 50/50 contribution rate between the Welsh Government and the Council.
1.02	<p>In line with National Policy for capital projects in excess of £5 million, there is a requirement that approvals are made at the four stages of the WG business case process, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic Outline Programme – (SOP)</li><li>• Strategic Outline Case – (SOC)</li><li>• Outline Business Case – (OBC)</li><li>• Full Business Case – (FBC)</li></ul> <p>Capital funding is released by WG at the approval of the FBC.</p>
1.03	The SOP submitted by the Council to WG in 2010, included proposed projects at Holywell Learning Campus, the Post 16 Deeside 6 <sup>th</sup> Hub project at Coleg Cambria, the Queensferry/John Summers Campus and also subject to available finance a proposed refurbishment project at Connah's Quay High School.
1.04	Currently, the Council has two capital projects which have been approved by the WG, these are projects at Holywell Learning Campus and Deeside 6 <sup>th</sup> (in collaboration with Coleg Cambria).
1.05	As of August 2016, the project at Deeside 6 <sup>th</sup> was handed over and was operational for the start of the new 2016 academic year. Phase 1 at Holywell Learning Campus (buildings) was also handed over in August 2016, with pupils from Holywell High School, Ysgol y Fron Junior School and Ysgol Perth y Terfyn Infants School transferring to the new facility in September 2016. External work at Holywell Learning Campus is continuing and will be complete during March 2017.
1.06	The construction projects at both Holywell Learning Campus and Deeside 6 <sup>th</sup> have been delivered on time and within budget and they equate to £45.636 million of the funding £64.2 million funding leaving the balance of the £18.564 million within funding envelope available to progress other projects agreed through the WG business case process.

1.07	WG has requested the Council to amend its SOP to reflect changes in its programme. The revised SOP presented to WG included the reaffirmation of capital scheme at Connah's Quay High School which was included in the Council's 2010 submission.						
1.08	The revised SOP has been approved in principal by WG. There is now a requirement that the later stage business cases are submitted to WG in order to release capital funding.						
1.09	In doing so, WG have confirmed to Councils that the Band A programme, needs to be complete by March 2019. Additionally through programme officials WG have so requested that all Council's remove as much risk from its remaining capital programme as possible in view of the above. i.e. land purchase issues, which can potentially delay programme delivery and affect funding.						
1.10	The proposed scheme at Connah's Quay High School, Phase 1, replaces the existing Design and Technology (D&T) block, Art and Food Technology block. The new 21 <sup>st</sup> Century School project will see the demolition of the existing three storey block and the provision of a temporary entrance and administration area, together with the construction of a new two storey block, comprising of Administration, D&T, Food Tech, Art and Design, additional teaching provision, office space, toilets, assessable provision, lift, stairs and plant room.						
1.11	<p>The balance of the funding envelope, will be used on two projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amalgamation of Penyffordd Primary School split-site provision onto a single site with the village. (in separate report)</li> <li>• Queensferry Campus- namely potential demolition or making secure/safe John Summers High school and improvement works to support the modernisation of inclusion provision in the area.</li> </ul> <p>Proposals to make further improvements to Queensferry CP Primary School will be considered in the following band of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools programme.</p>						
1.12	The project will be delivered by a two stage Design and Build procured through the North Wales Construction Framework.						
1.13	<p>The anticipated timelines are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1715 1350 1899"> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1715 794 1787">Commissioning of Construction and design team</td> <td data-bbox="794 1715 1350 1787">November 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1787 794 1823">Anticipated Construction Start</td> <td data-bbox="794 1787 1350 1823">August 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1823 794 1899">Anticipated Construction Completion</td> <td data-bbox="794 1823 1350 1899">February 2019</td> </tr> </table>	Commissioning of Construction and design team	November 2016	Anticipated Construction Start	August 2017	Anticipated Construction Completion	February 2019
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1.14	Contractors within the NWCF:						

	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Works between £4.322m and £7.5m</b>	<b>Works between £7.5m and £15m</b>	<b>Works over £15m</b>
	<a href="#">Balfour Beatty Construction Services UK</a>	✓	✓	✓
	<a href="#">Galliford Try</a>	✓	✓	✓
	<a href="#">Kier Construction Ltd</a>	✓	✓	✓
	<a href="#">Read Construction Holdings Ltd</a>	✓		
	<a href="#">Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd</a>		✓	
	<a href="#">Wynne Construction</a>	✓	✓	
1.15	Business Cases (as noted in 1.02) will be completed and submitted to compliment the anticipated programme timelines.			

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	There are sufficient staff resources in which to implement the revised programme within programme constraints and timelines.
2.02	There are no changes to the original funding packages as previously agreed by the Council and WG to support this programme.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	No further consultations are required as part of the School Organisation Code. Statutory proposals have already been undertaken and determined by the Welsh Minister at Connah's Quay High School. The age range at the school have been reduced from 11-18 to 11-16 from 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2016.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	A Programme Board is set up to oversee the implementation business

	plans and manage risks in close detail. High level risks will be reported to Programme board, Operational risks will be managed by the project team in accordance with agreed tolerances.
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<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	No appendices.

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<p>None.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Damian Hughes, Senior Manager, School Planning and Provision</b>  <b>Telephone: 01352 704135</b>  <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:Damian.hughes@flintshire.gov.uk">Damian.hughes@flintshire.gov.uk</a></b></p>

<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	<p><b>North Wales Construction Framework (NWCF)</b> – Was set up by the North Wales Authorities and sets the structure for purchases for major construction works over the Official Journal of European Union (OJEU) threshold for construction works (£4.322m)</p> <p><b>Design and Build</b> – Describes a procurement route, in which Design and construction are contracted by a single entity, in this case a contractor with NWCF. It has many positives not least early contractor engagement.</p> <p><b>School Organisation Code</b> – The new School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 makes Local Authorities responsible (rather than the Welsh Ministers prior to October 2013) for the determination of most statutory school organisation proposals that receive objections. Such provisions apply to any proposals published on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 that consider the establishment, discontinuance or otherwise significantly alter schools.</p> <p>The Council does this in line with the Welsh Government’s statutory School Organisation Code</p> <p><a href="http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/130719-school-organisation-codes-en.pdf">http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/130719-school-organisation-codes-en.pdf</a></p>