

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 18 th October 2016
Report Subject	School Modernisation - 21 st Century Schools Programme Band A Capital Project – Penyffordd
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Education and Youth
Report Author	Chief Officer (Education and Youth)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

To invite Cabinet to approve the capital project to consolidate the current split site primary school buildings in Penyffordd onto one site within the village.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Cabinet is requested to consider the operational changes to the 21 st Century school programme.
2	Cabinet is requested to approve the continuation of the capital project at Penyffordd to design development, tender and Full Business Case submission to WG in line with programme criteria.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE SCHOOL MODERNISATION - 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME BAND A CAPITAL PROJECT – PENYFFORDD
1.01	The Council has an agreed funding package with Welsh Government (WG) for its 21 st Century Schools Band A programme of £64.2m. This is funded on a 50/50 basis between WG and the Council.
1.02	<p>In line with National Policy, for capital projects in excess of £5 million there is a requirement that they have to be approved under the four stage WG business case process, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Outline Programme – (SOP)• Strategic Outline Case – (SOC)• Outline Business Case – (OBC)• Full Business Case – (FBC) <p>Capital funding is released by WG at the approval of FBC.</p>
1.03	Currently the Council has two capital projects which have been approved by the WG. These are the projects at Holywell Learning Campus and Deeside 6 th (in collaboration with Coleg Cambria).
1.04	As of August 2016, the project at Deeside 6 th was handed over and was operational for the start of the new 2016 academic year. Phase 1 at Holywell Learning Campus was also handed over in August 2016, with pupils from the 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.
1.05	The construction projects at both Holywell Learning Campus and Deeside 6 th have been delivered on time and within budget and they equate to circa £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.
1.06	WG requested the Council to amend its SOP to reflect the changes in its programme. The revised SOP presented to WG (January 2016) included the reaffirmation of a capital scheme at Penyffordd which was included in the Council's original SOP submission.
1.07	The revised SOP has been approved in principal by WG. There is now a requirement that appropriate business cases are submitted to WG for the project at Penyffordd in order to release capital funding.

1.08	In doing so, WG have confirmed to Council's that the Band A programme, needs to be complete by March 2019. Additionally through programme officials, WG have also requested that all Councils remove as much risk from their remaining capital programmes as possible in view of the above. i.e. land purchase issues, which can potentially delay programme delivery and affect funding.												
1.09	The proposed scheme at Penyffordd will amalgamate the current split-site arrangement, bringing all primary provision on one site. Education and Youth have commissioned Design Consultancy to complete and options appraisal of the options for new school provision the area and have derived at a recommendation in liaison with Planners and Officers from Highways. Construction on the preferred site can take place, without unduly negatively affecting current school operation. A copy of the option appraisal is attached as appendix 1.												
1.10	<p>The balance of the funding package will be used on two projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase1 project to modernise Connah's Quay High school (in a separate report) • 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. <p>Proposals to improve Queensferry CP Primary School will be considered in the following band of the 21st Century schools programme.</p>												
1.11	The projects will be delivered by a two stage Design and Build procured through the North Wales Construction Framework.												
1.12	<p>The anticipated timelines are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1339 1313 1603"> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 1339 762 1451">Commissioning of Construction and design team</td> <td data-bbox="762 1339 1313 1451">January 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 1451 762 1491">Anticipated Construction Start</td> <td data-bbox="762 1451 1313 1491">January 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 1491 762 1568">Anticipated Construction Completion</td> <td data-bbox="762 1491 1313 1568">July 2019 Phase1 (buildings) December 2019 Phase 2 (external)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 1568 762 1603"></td> <td data-bbox="762 1568 1313 1603"></td> </tr> </table>	Commissioning of Construction and design team	January 2017	Anticipated Construction Start	January 2018	Anticipated Construction Completion	July 2019 Phase1 (buildings) December 2019 Phase 2 (external)						
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	Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd		✓	
	Wynne Construction	✓	✓	
1.14	Business Cases (as noted in 1.02) will be completed and submitted to compliment the anticipated programme timelines.			

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are sufficient staff resource 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.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	No further consultations are required as part of the School Organisation Code. Statutory proposals have previously been undertaken and determined at Penyffordd.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
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.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Penyffordd Options Appraisal

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

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>North Wales Construction Framework (NWCF) – 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>Design and Build – 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>School Organisation Code – 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 1st 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>http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/130719-school-organisation-codes-en.pdf</p>