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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

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TO: SCHOOLS FORUM
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LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2017/18 – TABLED ITEM

Director of Children, Young People & Learning

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to the Forum for comment a summary of the current position on the Council's budget preparations for 2017/18 with a particular focus on the impact expected on the Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) Department.
- 1.2 At the time the of the publication of the proposals, the Provisional Local Government Financial Settlement had not been announced. It is possible that this could change some of the assumptions in the report, however, as the Council accepted the offer of a four year financial settlement on 14 September, it is anticipated that funding will be in line with the indicative 2017/18 funding figures received on 8 February 2016.
- 1.3 Comments received on these budget proposals will be submitted to the Executive on 14 February. This will allow the Executive to determine its final budget package and recommend the appropriate Council Tax level to Council, who will formally approve the 2017/18 budget and Council Tax on 1 March 2017.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the Schools Forum comments on the 2017/18 budget proposals of the Executive for the Children, Young People and Learning Department in respect of:**
 - i. The revenue budget (Annexes B and C), and
 - ii. The capital programme (Annex D).

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Executive seeks the views of the Schools Forum as an interested party on the 2017/18 budget proposals.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The range of options being considered are set out in the main reports on the public access website.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Introduction

- 5.1 This report presents a summary of the Council's revenue and capital budget proposals for 2017-18 that were prepared on information and assumptions available at December 2016 and are therefore subject to change as more information emerges or changes occur as part of the consultation process. The focus of this report is proposals from the CYPL Department, with full details of the council's budget proposals available at:

<http://democratic.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=102&MId=6501&Ver=4>

Revenue Budget

Overview

- 5.2 In making budget proposals, the main elements that are taken into account by the Council are:
- Current commitments i.e. the existing base budget with any known changes that will occur next year
 - New pressures
 - New savings and efficiencies
 - Transformation projects
 - Debt charges on any new capital investments
 - A provision for pay and price increases
 - A contingency provision
 - New Homes Bonus
 - Accounting adjustments
- 5.3 Once the impact of these elements are established, they can be compared to estimated income to establish what is affordable and the funding strategy to adopt.

Commitment budget

- 5.4 Initial preparations for the 2017/18 budget have focussed on the Council's Commitment Budget for 2017/18 - 2019/20. This brings together the Council's existing expenditure plans, taking account of approved commitments and the ongoing effects of service developments and efficiencies that were agreed when the 2016/17 budget was set:
- 5.5 Taking account of these changes, Table 1 summarises the position and shows that base expenditure (excluding schools) is planned to decrease by £3.290m to £66.988m next year, before consideration is given to allowances for inflation and the budget proposals identified by individual Departments in 2017/18. The commitment budget relating to CYPL is shown in more detail in Annex A.

Table 1: Summary Commitment Budget 2017/18-2019/20

	Planned Expenditure £'000		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Base Budget	70,278	66,988	68,640
<i>Movements in Year:</i>			
Adult Social Care, Health and Housing	-1,958	0	18
Children, Young People and Learning (ex schools)	855	128	-10
Corporate Services / Chief Executive's Office	-704	44	94
Environment, Culture & Communities	-2,146	71	-48
Non Departmental / Council Wide	663	1,409	581
<i>Total Movements</i>	-3,290	1,652	635
Adjusted Base	66,988	68,640	69,275

Budget Proposals for 2017/18*Service pressures and Developments*

- 5.6 In the face of significant reductions in public expenditure in general and in grants to Local Government in particular, the scope to invest in new service provision is self evidently severely restricted. Nevertheless, it is important to retain a clear focus to ensure that the Council continues to deliver its six strategic themes. In preparing the 2017/18 draft budget proposals each department has evaluated the potential pressures on its services and those relating to CYPL are set out in Annexe B. Table 2 summarises the pressures by department that total £1.475m.

Table 2: Service Pressures/Development

Department	£'000
Adult Social Care, Health and Housing	751
Children, Young People and Learning (excluding schools)	302
Corporate Services / Chief Executive's Office	35
Environment, Culture & Communities	387
Total Pressures/Developments	1,475

- 5.7 Many of the pressures are simply unavoidable as they relate to demographic trends, changes in funding and new legislation. They do, however, also support the six strategic themes included in the new Council Plan in the following way.
- A strong and resilient economy (£0.025m);
 - people have the life skills and education opportunities they need to thrive (£0.044m);
 - people live active and healthy lifestyles (£0.659m);
 - a clean, green, growing and sustainable place (0.467m);
 - strong, safe, supportive and self-reliant communities (£0.272m)
 - provide value for money (£0.018m).

Service Economies

- 5.8 Members and officers have held regular meetings to determine options for savings and a list of potential draft budget savings has been developed. This list totals -£2.052m and is summarised in Table 3 with CYPL items set out in more detail in Annexe C. As in previous years, economies have focused as far as possible on increasing efficiency, income generation and reducing central and departmental support rather than on front line services. However, since it became a Unitary Authority the Council has successfully delivered savings of around £70m in total. As a result it is inevitable that there will be some impact on services, although this has been minimised.

Table 3: Summary Service Economies

Department	£'000
Adult Social Care, Health and Housing	-710
Children, Young People and Learning (excluding schools)	-301
Corporate Services / Chief Executive's Office	-392
Environment, Culture & Communities	-649
Total Savings	-2,052

Transformation Programme and Efficiency Plan 2017/18

- 5.9 A Transformation Board was established in October 2015 to develop and deliver a programme of work that would review the focus and delivery of all Council Services. The Transformation Programme is critical to the achievement of balanced budgets going forwards as income reduces. It is a continuous programme of work, aimed at transforming the services we provide and identifying significant savings that can be built into the budget proposals.
- 5.10 Full Council agreed an Efficiency Plan on 14 September 2016, as part of the process of accepting a four year financial settlement from the Government, which outlines how the budget can be balanced over the next three years. It incorporates assumptions about the level of savings the Transformation Programme can deliver along with other efficiency savings. The efficiency plan is not fixed and the service areas and savings targets will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to ensure it remains current and deliverable.
- 5.11 The savings relating to 2017/18 amount to £3.175m and have been incorporated into the budget proposals and are included in Table 4. There are no CYPL specific projects, although aspects of some will impact on the Department. The majority of the strategic reviews and projects concerned are still at an early stage where full Business Cases have yet to be finalised. These figures are therefore indicative and will be validated and refined over the coming months. Any changes to the figures highlighted through this continuing process will be incorporated into the February budget report.

Table 4: Transformation Programme and Efficiency Plan 2017/18

Department	£000s
Corporate Services / Chief Executive's Office	
Property Investment Strategy	-1,000
Environment, Culture & Communities	
Art Review (South Hill Park)	-100
Library Review	-250
Leisure Services Review	-300
Town Centre Car Parking (excluding the Lexicon)	-225
Council Wide	
Support Services review	-500
Citizen and Customer Contact Review	-400
Capital Financing (MRP calculation)	-400
Total Savings	-3,175

Council Wide Issues

5.12 Apart from the specific departmental budget proposals there are some Council wide issues affecting all departments' budgets which need to be considered. The precise impact of these corporate budgets is likely to change before the final budget proposals are recommended. However the current view on these issues is outlined in the following paragraphs:

a) Capital Programme

The scale of the Council's Capital Programme for 2017/18 will impact upon the revenue budget and is itself subject to consultation. Current proposals, as set out further below from paragraph 5.18 will result in additional debt charges of £0.486m.

b) Provision for Inflation and Pay Awards

At this stage the inflation provision is not finalised, although for planning purposes a sum of £1.200m (£0.765m 2016/17) has been added to the budget. This will be achieved by:

- Assuming a pay award of no more than 1%;
- Negotiating to minimise inflation on contracts;
- Reviewing the Bracknell Forest Supplement;
- Increasing fees and charges in line with the Council's income policy.

The Council will need to consider where it is appropriate and necessary to provide for inflation over the coming weeks so that the actual inflation provision can be added to the final budget report in February 2016.

c) Corporate Contingency

The Council manages risks and uncertainties in the budget through the use of a general contingency added to the Council's budget. Every year the Council faces risks on its budget in relation to demand led services, Business Rates and the general economic climate. At this stage the budget proposals contain a Contingency of £2m (increase of £1m), given the increased risks associated with the financial settlement and the need to deliver significant savings in year through the Transformation Programme.

c) Accounting adjustment – reversal of transfer from the Business Rates Equalisation Reserve

As part of the 2016/17 budget setting process, a deficit was expected to be generated on the Business Rates element of the Collection Fund. This deficit was funded from a one-off transfer out of the Business Rate Equalisation Reserve into the General Fund which needs reversing in the 2017/18 budget. The relevant amount is £11.803m.

Summary position on the Revenue Budget

5.13 Adding the draft proposals to the Commitment Budget and taking account of the corporate issues identified above would result in total expenditure of £77.980m as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Summary of proposals:

Item	£'000
Commitment Budget	66,988
Budget Pressures	1,475
Budget Economies	-2,052
Transformation Programme	-3,175
Capital Programme	486
Inflation Provision	1,200
Change in Contingency	1,000
Reversal of the one-off transfer from the Business Rates Equalisation Reserve used to meet the Collection Fund - Business Rates deficit in 2016/17	11,803
New Homes Bonus 2017/18	255
Draft Budget Requirement 2017/18	77,980

- 5.14 Without the Provisional Finance Settlement, assumptions have had to be made on the level of grant income. It has been assumed that the Council can anticipate income of up to -£73.411m. This arises from Revenue Support Grant and Business Rates baseline funding (-£22.788m), the Collection Fund - Council Tax surplus (-£0.250m) and Council Tax at the 2016/17 level (-£50.373m).
- 5.15 With the potential overall cost of the budget package being consulted on in the region of £77.980m, this leaves a potential gap of around £4.569m. Members can choose to adopt any or all of the following approaches in order to bridge the remaining gap:
- an increase in Council Tax;
 - an appropriate contribution from the Council's revenue reserves, bearing in mind the Medium Term Financial Strategy;
 - identifying further expenditure reductions.

Reserves

- 5.16 The Council has an estimated £10.9m available in General Reserves at 31 March 2017. Details are contained in Table 6.

Table 6: General Reserves as at 31 March 2017

Item	£m
General Fund	12.7
Planned use (after in-year savings) in 2016/17	(1.8)
Estimated Balance as at 31 March 2017	10.9

- 5.17 The Council has, in the past, planned on maintaining a minimum prudential balance of £4m. This assessment is based on the financial risks which face the Council and the Borough Treasurer considers these in the February report to the Executive at which a final decision on the use of balances can be taken, taking account of the financial position likely to face the Council over the next five years.

Capital Programme

Introduction

- 5.18 The proposed capital programme for 2017/18 has been developed on the assumption that it will be funded by a combination of Government grants, other external contributions and borrowing in addition to capital receipts. Historically capital receipts have averaged around £5m per annum, however with the introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the forthcoming sale of the Sandy Lane land there is potential for a much larger level of capital receipts in 2017/18. However, with such a large programme there is a likelihood that the Council may need to borrow externally and this will depend largely on the progress made at Binfield Learning Village and at Coral Reef. Internal resources will be used in the first instance and borrowing from external sources (e.g. the Public Works Loan Board) will be used when necessary. The financing costs associated with the General Fund Capital Programme have been provided for in the Council's revenue budget plans.

New Schemes

- 5.19 Within the general financial framework Service Departments have considered new schemes for inclusion within the Council's Capital Programme for 2017/18 - 2019/20. Given that both capital and revenue resources are under pressure, each Department has evaluated and prioritised proposed schemes into broad categories in line with the Council's Asset Management Plan. Having done this, only the very highest priority new schemes and programmes are being recommended for inclusion in the Capital Programme which mainly relate to:

- On-going Town Centre Redevelopment works
- Delivering a return on capital expenditure assumed through the commercial investment strategy Transformation Programme
- South Hill Park

Other elements of the capital programme

- 5.20 As well as new schemes, the capital programme is structured into other categories of spend as follows:
- *Unavoidable and committed schemes*; these are required to ensure that the Council is not left open to legal sanction and includes items relating to health and safety issues, new legislation etc. Committed schemes also include those that have been started as part of the 2016/17 Capital Programme.
 - *Maintenance (Improvements and capitalised repairs)*; an assessment is made of the state of each building element and its repair priority with a condition rating and repair urgency to inform spending requirements to adequately maintain assets.
 - *Rolling programmes*; cover more than one year and give a degree of certainty for forward planning schemes to improve service delivery. They make an important contribution towards the Council's established Asset Management Plans.
 - *Other desirable schemes*; are other high priority schemes that meet the needs and objectives of their service.
 - *Invest to save schemes*; These are schemes where the additional revenue income or savings arising from their implementation exceeds the Council's borrowing costs.

Summary

- 5.21 A summary of the cost of schemes proposed by Departments is set out below in Table 7. A detailed list of suggested schemes from CYPL is included in Annexe D. Total Council funding amounts to £48.531m. However excluding the funding for Binfield Learning Village, Coral Reef, the Invest to Save Schemes, the Local Housing Company, the Town Centre Redevelopment and the Commercial Property Investment strategy the total Council funding requested is £7.865m and this is in line with previous programmes and the amount allowed for in associated debt charges in the Revenue Budget proposals.

Table 7: Capital Programme 2017-18 to 2019-20

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Service Area	£000s	£000s	£000s
Adult Social Care, Health & Housing	7,002	0	0
Children, Young People & Learning	20,540	19,067	1,574
Corporate Services	1,678	2,110	70
Council Wide	23,860	20,500	510
Environment Culture & Communities	13,492	5,724	3,400
Total Capital Programme	66,572	47,401	5,554
Externally Funded	18,041	19,221	4,209
Total request for Council funding	48,531	28,180	1,345

Funding options

- 5.22 The proposed capital programme for 2017/18 has been developed on the assumption that it will be funded by a combination of approximately:
- £15m of Government grants
 - £1m of Section 106 funding
 - £2m of CIL
 - And council funding of £8m of capital receipts and prudential borrowing
- 5.23 Following the introduction of the Prudential Borrowing regime local authorities are able to determine the level of their own capital expenditure with regard only to affordability on the revenue account. In practice this represents the amount of borrowing they can afford to finance, and will necessitate taking a medium-term view of revenue income streams and capital investment needs.
- 5.24 To achieve its aim of ensuring that capital investment plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable, the Local Government Act requires all local authorities to set and keep under review a series of prudential indicators included in the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. The Capital Programme recommended in this report can be sustained and is within the prudential guidelines. Full Council will need to agree the prudential indicators for 2017/18 to 2019/20 in March 2017, alongside its consideration of the specific budget proposals for 2017/18 and the Council's medium-term financial prospects.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The financial implications arising from this report are set out within the supporting information.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 The Council's final budget proposals will potentially impact on all areas of the community. A detailed consultation process is planned in order to provide individuals and groups with the opportunity to comment on the draft proposals. This will ensure that in making final recommendations, the Executive can be made aware of the views of a broad section of residents and service users. A number of the budget proposals require specific equality impact assessments to be carried out and draft versions of these are available on the public access website. Consultation with equalities groups that are likely to be affected by the proposal is part of the assessment process.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.2 A sum of £2m is currently included in the draft proposals to meet the costs of unpredictable or unforeseen items that would represent in year budget risks. The Executive will need to make a judgement on the level of Contingency at its meeting in February.
- 6.3 The Borough Treasurer, as the Council's Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer), must formally certify that the budget is sound. This will involve identifying and assessing the key risk areas in the budget to ensure the robustness of estimates and ensuring that appropriate arrangements are in place to manage those risks, including maintaining an appropriate level of reserves and Contingency. This formalises work that is normally undertaken each year during the budget preparation stages and in monthly monitoring after the budget is agreed. The Borough Treasurer will report his findings in February, when the final budget package is recommended for approval.
- 6.4 The scale of the Council's Capital Programme for 2017/18 will impact upon the revenue budget which is itself be subject to consultation. All new spending on services will need to be funded from new capital receipts or borrowing from internal resources. This effect is compounded by future year's capital programmes. As revenue resources are limited it is clear that a capital programme of this magnitude is not sustainable in the medium term without significant revenue economies. The generation of capital receipts in future years may mitigate the impact on the revenue budget, but as the timing and scale of these receipts is uncertain their impact is unlikely to be significant.
- 6.5 There are also a range of risks that are common to all capital projects which include:
- Tender prices exceeding the budget
 - Planning issues and potential delays
 - Uncertainty of external funding
 - Building delays due to unavailability of materials or inclement weather
 - Availability of staff with appropriate skills to implement schemes

- 6.6 These can be managed through the use of appropriate professional officers and following best practice in project management techniques. There is also a risk associated with the shortfall in maintenance expenditure compared to that identified by the latest condition surveys. With only those highest priorities receiving funding in 2017/18, there will be a further build up in the maintenance backlog and a risk that the deterioration in Council assets will hamper the ability to deliver good services.

CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Commission will be consulted on the budget proposals and may also choose to direct specific issues to individual overview and scrutiny panels. Targeted consultation exercises will be undertaken with business rate payers, the Schools Forum, town and parish councils and voluntary organisations. Comments and views will be sought on both the overall budget package and on the detailed budget proposals. In addition, the main council reports and all the supporting information are publicly available to any individual or group who wish to comment on any proposal included within it. To facilitate this, the full budget package has been placed on the Council's web site at <http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal>. There is also be a dedicated mailbox to collect comments.
- 7.2 The timetable for the approval of the 2017/18 Budget is as follows:

Executive agree proposals as basis for consultation	13 December 2016
Consultation period	14 December 2016 - 24 January 2017
Executive considers representations made and recommends budget.	14 February 2017
Council considers Executive budget proposals	1 March 2017

Background Papers

BFC budget proposal reports to the Executive:

<http://democratic.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=102&MId=6501&Ver=4>

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CYPL Commitment Budget items

Item	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	Description
Approved Budget	16,629	16,911	17,766	17,894	
Suitability surveys			20	-20	Suitability and access surveys are undertaken every three years to update the Asset Management Plan so that up to date information is available to inform investment decisions on the capital programme.
Schools Music Festival		10	-10	10	Biennial event which enables pupils from the Council's Primary schools to participate in a large scale production which links music, dance and art.
Recruitment and retention of social workers in Children's Social Care		26			The full year effect of a package of measures from the Children's Social Care Programme Board seeking permanent ways of addressing staff shortages and improving the efficiency of the service.
Conversion of SEN statements to Education Health Care Plans		-73	-73		Phased withdrawal of temporary funding previously agreed to finance duties from statutory guidance in the SEN Code of Practice 2014 that requires all SEN Statements to be converted into Education Health Care Plans before April 2018.
Education Services Grant		1,242	255		As part of government reforms of education, general grant funding, notionally allocated for related LA statutory and regulatory duties is being withdrawn
Savings approved by Council on 13 July 2016 relating to the Early Help Offer.		-350			Further savings approved after the 2016/17 budget was set to reduce the use of balances in 2016/17 and to contribute to the budget gap in future years.
Management Team Review			-64		The proposal is to reduce the number of Chief Officers in Education from 2 to 1. The re-shape will give a new line management structure for the Directorate, and will require a 1 FTE backfill at lower grade post to allow Heads of Service to absorb the high level strategic duties.
Net Inter Departmental Virements	282				(1)
Total	16,911	17,766	17,894	17,884	

(1) These transfers net off to nil in the Council's budget. For CYPL these relate to a budget addition of £0.063m to fund the increased cost on the Local Government Pension Scheme and a reduction of £0.001m from savings on Landscape Services and a further £0.001m saving from a new secure waste contract plus an allocation of £0.227m for increased employers National Insurance contributions.

Revenue budget: proposed PRESSURES for CYPL Department

Description	2017/18 £'000
<p>Education Library Service</p> <p>The Education Library Service is a traded service, funded almost entirely from school income. Due primarily to pressures on school budgets, income has reduced consistently since 2010 and moving forward, with the service will no longer being financially viable, closure has been agreed. The contribution made to council overheads from the service will no longer be received, resulting in a loss of income.</p>	30
<p>Conference and Review Team</p> <p>The Team holds responsibility for the statutory Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) role for managing allegations against people who work with children who are paid, unpaid, volunteers, casual, agency or anyone self employed. The LADO function is currently solely undertaken by the Conference and Review Team Leader, and is part of a wide range of duties for the post holder including responsibility for child protection conferences and independent reviewing of Children's Social Care (CSC) cases. There has been a significant increase in volume of work in these areas and there is no longer sufficient capacity to deliver the LADO service and a 0.5 fte post is proposed. This will be partially funded by reducing administrative hours by 0.4 FTE through use of mobile devices that allow professionals to be more self sufficient when out of the office.</p>	17
<p>Looked After Children</p> <p>Based on the current costed schedule of known placements, a pressure has been identified to ensure the fulfilment of statutory duties for children and young people in care. This reflects the known number of children being looked after next year. There is significant turnover in the looked after population – over 100% - with varying placements costs depending on the age of child and type of placement needed. A small number of placements are at a very high cost. The pressure also includes an increase in the number of Special Guardianship Orders and care leavers.</p>	240
<p>Family Group Conferences (FGC)</p> <p>A family group conference is a process led by family members to plan and make decisions for a child who is at risk. The council assists FGCs through an independent coordinator to prepare for, manage and document the meeting. The number of FGC's has increased from 56 in 2013/14 to 88 in 2015/16. FGC's have an evidenced track record of preventing cases escalating to more expensive aspects of the service. The pressure reflects current spend.</p>	15
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING TOTAL	302

Revenue budget: proposed ECONOMIES for CYPL Department

Description Impact	2017/18 £'000
<p>Additional income</p> <p>A number of services are exceeding their income targets, or identifying new opportunities for income generation, either through improved trading, or additional external contributions, and where this is expected to continue, budgets will be increased accordingly. This relates to Community Learning (£30,000) and aspects of support to schools (£15,000).</p>	-45
<p>Revised delivery of services and support</p> <p>As part of the on-going process to improve efficiency, the Department continues to review services to consider alternative ways for their delivery or opportunities for cost reductions through reduced take up or general efficiencies.</p> <p>The main changes proposed this year relating to lower demand relate to: reduced use of Social Worker agency staff (£35,000), minimal demand for Higher Education fees for Looked after Children (£30,000), low uptake of aspects of Information, Advice and Guidance to young people (£21,000); lower numbers of Public Law Order Assessment cases as a consequence of a more stable workforce (£8,000) and general resource budgets supporting looked after children (£8,000).</p> <p>Other changes in response to service review and general efficiencies are: development work at Larchwood Short Break Unit has introduced efficiencies that will allow for the provision of additional services within the existing budget creating cost reductions elsewhere (£43,000), prioritisation of work within school organisation, sufficiency and admissions (£27,000), general Departmental resources relating to recruitment (£11,000), office materials and resources (£12,000), and training (£12,000) as well as securing full Health Service funding for the looked after children nurse service (£8,000). Savings are also continuing to be achieved through commissioning where a rigorous and challenging approach continues to result in savings against original quotes (£41,000).</p>	-102
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING TOTAL	-301

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	TOTAL
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Committed				
Priestwood Early Years Facility - Non schools	70	0	0	70
Binfield Learning Village	8,590	3,000	0	11,590
	8,660	3,000	0	11,660
Unavoidable				
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Maintenance				
Schools Maintenance externally funded	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Rolling Programme / Other Desirable				
Carbon Reduction Measures	10	10	10	30
CP-IS Project	80	0	0	80
	90	10	10	110
TOTAL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL FUNDING	8,750	3,010	10	11,770
External Funding - DfE basic Need Grant*				
Schemes agreed by Education Capital Programme Board	8,812	15,493	1,000	25,305
	8,812	15,493	1,000	25,305
External Funding - Other				
Schools Capital Maintenance Grant	1,931	0	0	1,931
Easthampstead Park Master plan	274	274	274	822
Section 106 - Small Schemes	250	250	250	750
Section 106 - Binfield Learning Village	173	0	0	173
Carbon Reduction Measures	40	40	40	120
Devolved Formula Capital	310	0	0	310
	2,978	564	564	4,106
TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING	11,790	16,057	1,564	29,411
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	20,540	19,067	1,574	41,181

Detailed Schemes

1. Carbon Reduction Measures - £10,000

This project will provide a budget for short payback energy schemes in schools that will be prioritised by the Planned Works Project Management Group. BFC has a Management Agenda to drastically reduce carbon emissions namely the climate change action plan in which the council is committed to improving energy/carbon efficiency in schools. The bid envisages a £10,000 contribution from Council funding to be combined with funding from schools of £40,000 per annum

The objective is to reduce schools' energy costs and carbon emissions. This programme will mitigate and reduce the amount payable in future years by targeting energy projects that will have the greatest impact in reducing energy costs and carbon emissions. Suitable projects will be identified by the Borough Energy Manager but will include the proposals below.

- as a priority replace inefficient existing T12 fluorescent lighting which is still present in some schools by energy efficient LED lighting
- Part funding/ kick starting School Salix loans schemes to replace existing T8 fluorescents by LED lighting
- Further installation of Electricity and gas remote reading meters/loggers including sub meters when appropriate.
- Rationalisation of existing electricity meters where in some cases three meters are located in the one location resulting in three standing charges to the school.
- Part funding/kick starting schools renewables projects whereby where majority of the project is funded via school loan scheme
- Part funding the phased replacement of oil fired boiler within the borough via Salix or maintenance funds.
- Inclusion of remote buildings controls which are not currently connected to main building control system
- Basic pipework and valve insulation

2 Child Protection Information Sharing - £80,000

The Child Protection - Information Sharing (CP-IS) is a national project where all local authorities (LAs) in England are taking part in a NHS England work programme to share information. In Berkshire, all LAs have started their engagement with NHS England. CP-IS proposes to connect local authorities' child protection social care IT systems with those used by staff in NHS unscheduled care settings (Emergency departments; Out of hours GPs; Walk in Centres; Paediatric wards; Maternity wards; Minor Injury units; Ambulance services).

The information sharing focuses on three specific categories of child:

- Those with a child protection plan
- Those with looked after child status (children with full and interim care orders and voluntary care agreements)
- Pregnant women whose unborn child has a pre-birth child protection plan

Unrestricted

The software supplier Corelogic, who supply and support the council's social care IT system have confirmed that functionality to integrate to CP-IS is available in the next release (MOSAIC). There are a number of technical aspects which need to be in place. The most significant is the pre-requisite to have a connection that will allow access to the N3 network. This will ensure a CP-IS Client can be installed locally to enable the submission and receipt of CPP/ LAC information. An N3 connection is in place for Adults Social Care to support Public Health working. Resources are required to achieve technical and business readiness in order to cover the following tasks:

- Data Matching: Obtaining NHS number prior to implementation.
- Project Management: Oversee and manage the overall implementation; Engagement with the relevant stakeholders;
- Manage configurable system changes with supplier (e.g. Design, Build, Test etc.): If we choose to configure or add new functionality to the new updated software specific to our local setting. These types of changes may incur additional costs from the supplier.