

## EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### Children, Education & Families CAPITAL PROGRAMME – Additional School Places Delivered in 2020 and Planned to be Delivered in 2021 and 2022

#### Report by the Director for Children, Education & Families

#### Purpose

1. This report is to inform the Education Scrutiny Committee about the delivery of the CEF Capital Programme. It focusses on two key areas:
  - a. the additional school places successfully delivered in 2020
  - b. the additional school places the council plans to deliver in 2021 and 2022.

#### Background

2. Oxfordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places, whether through academies, free schools, or maintained schools, described as "basic need".
3. The Council's 10-year Capital Programme is derived from the priorities identified in supporting strategies, including the CEF Pupil Place Plan, and sets out the agreed capital investment to deliver those priorities. The programme is refreshed annually and agreed by Council each February. The Pupil Place Plan will be updated during 2021/22 for approval as part of the Budget and Business Planning process for 2022/23.
4. Additional pupil places are delivered by expanding existing schools or the provision of new schools. A substantial part of the CEF Capital Programme is directly related to the housing growth and these schemes are primarily funded by developer contributions. The programming of such work is closely linked to the delivery of new housing.
5. Where capital investment is required to create additional pupil places at existing schools the Council works with individual schools and responsible bodies (e.g. Diocese, Multi Academy Trusts) to agree the scope of requirements.
6. As well as directly delivering capital projects the Council also works closely with academy trusts who wish to self-deliver their expansion project. This is managed via a formal funding agreement between the academy Trust and the Council.
7. If a new school is required, for example to serve a strategic housing development, the Council seeks to secure land and funding from housing developers. As part of the Option Appraisal process the Council explores opportunities for relocation and expansion of existing schools on to new sites alongside the need for new academies to be created.
8. The Council will often deliver new schools, directly managing the design and procurement process. In some cases, developers and academy sponsors have opted to self-deliver new schools, where this is the case the Council works closely with the third party to support the design process and coordination of the delivery programme.
9. In recent years the Council has also been successful in securing the provision additional pupil places by the creation of new schools through the DfE 'wave' Free

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School programme. This involves working closely with academy sponsors to make a case for a new Free School, and supporting a successful bid application. Successful projects are usually directly delivered by the Department for Education (DfE), for example the new Bloxham Grove SEND Free School currently in development

10. Details of the capital investment programme to provide additional pupil places in 2020, and the planned investment for additional pupil places in 2021 and 2022 is summarised below; a detailed breakdown of individual projects is provided in annex A.

### **2020 (Complete)**

- 9 schools expanded
- 3 new primary schools
- 1 new secondary school

### **2021 (Planned)**

- 11 schools expanded
- 1 new primary school

### **2022 (Planned)**

- 6 schools expanded
- 2 new primary schools (includes relocation/expansion of an existing school)
- 1 new SEND school (externally funded 'wave' Free School)

## **Key Issues**

11. The delivery of the Council's capital programme, including CEF basic need, is managed in accordance with the council's capital governance framework and is subject to regular review and monitoring at a corporate level.
12. All of the critical mainstream pupil places required for September 2020 have been provided. This has been achieved either through the completion of capital works in time for September occupation or, where completion was not possible, using contingency arrangements agreed with individual schools.
13. Projects providing additional pupil places for use in 2021 and 2022 are being progressed and in some cases construction work is already underway. All projects are closely monitored to ensure that appropriate contingency plans are in place in the event of additional accommodation not being completed in time. This is particularly important as the council continues to deliver its capital programme during the Covid19 pandemic.
14. The delivery timescale of new schools being delivered by third parties (e.g. Graven Hill Primary School and Bloxham Grove SEND Free School) are still subject to confirmation.
15. Projects required beyond 2022 are in various stages of development, those linked to the delivery of new housing are subject to monitoring and review in light of current uncertainty with developers housing delivery programme.

## **Annex A**

Details of the capital investment programme providing additional pupil places in 2020, and the planned investment for additional pupil places in 2021 and 2022.

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Yr	School	Project	Places Added	Project Delivery	Detail
2020	John Watson (Primary)	4 classroom block	20	Academy Trust	Complete
2020	John Blandy	Expansion AN30 - AN45	105	OCC	Complete
2020	Marcham	Expansion AN20 to AN30	70	OCC	Complete
2020	W Witney	Expansion to 2Fe	105	OCC	Complete
2020	Chesterton	Expand AN20 - AN30	70	OCC	Complete
2020	Burford Primary	Expansion AN15-AN20	35	Academy Trust	Complete
2020	Benson Primary	Expansion 1FE to 1.5FE	105	OCC	Comple
2020	Longworth	Expansion AN10 - AN15	35	CCO	Complete
2020	St Andrews Chinnor	Expand 1.5FE to 2FE (Replace temporary classroom)	105	OCC	On site - Completion March 2021
2020	Barton Park Primary School	NEW 1.5FE Primary School	315	OCC	Complete
2020	Cherry Fields Primary School, Banbury	NEW 1 FE Primary School	210	OCC	Complete
2020	GEMS Wantage Primary School	NEW 2FE Primary School	420	Housing Developer	Complete
2020	Whitelands Academy, Bicester	NEW 11-16 Secondary School	600	OCC	Complete
2021	Milton, St Blaise	Expansion from AN15 - AN30	105	OCC	On Site
2021	Manor Long Hanborough	AN30 - AN45	105	OCC	On Site
2021	Cholsey Primary	Expansion 1.5FE - 2FEto	105	OCC	On site
2021	Five Acres, Ambrosden	Replace 2 classroom temp	0	OCC	On site
2021	Bardwell Special School	Provide 2 additional classrooms by converting hall?	16	Academy Trust	On site
2021	Stanton Harcourt	Expansion AN15 - AN20	35	Academy Trust	Planning
2021	Radley	Expansion AN15to AN30 Nursery 48pte - 52pte	105	OCC	Planing Stage. Project expected to complete on site Feb 2022
2021	Icknield CC	Expand by 1 form of entry (1FE) from 5FE to 6FE.	140	Academy Trust	Planning
2021	William Morris	Expansion AN25 - 1FE (+ replace temps) Increase Nursery from 13fte to 26fte.	35	Academy Trust	Planning
2021	Northfield (Orion Academy)	Rebuild and Expansion	108	OCC	On site
2021	St Nicholas, Challow	Lower age range 4-11 to 3-11	26	Academy Trust	Planning
2021	Windrush CE Primary School, Witney	NEW 1.5FE Primary School	315	Housing Developer	On Site
2022	Wallingford School	Expansion by 2FE	270	Academy Trust	On Site
2022	BGN	Expansion by 2FE (PAN 150 - 210)	300	Academy Trust	Planning
2022	Marlborough	Expansion by 1FE (6-7FE)	150	Academy Trust	Feasibility
2022	Stanford-in-the-vale	Expand 1FE to 1.5FE	105	CCO	Feasibility
2022	John Watson Special School (Secondary)	Replace temporary classrooms and expansion	16	OCC	Feasibility
2022	Lord Willaims	Expansion by 1FE to 12FE	150	Academy Trust	Feasibility
2022	Bloxham Grove	NEW SEND Free School	100	DfE	Planning
2022	Graven Hill Primary School	NEW 2FE Primary School	420	Housing Developer	Design
2022	Faringdon Primary	NEW 2FE Primary School (relocation/expansion of existing school)	420	OCC	Design