

VALUE FOR MONEY FOR EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS

To: **Assets & Investments Committee**

Meeting Date: **21st October 2016**

From: **Chris Malyon, Deputy Chief Executive**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **N/A** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To inform Committee Members of the work undertaken by the Children Families and Adults and Property Services teams to make improvements to the delivery arrangements of the Education Capital Programme.**

Recommendation: **Committee Members as asked to note the contents of the report.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The purpose of the Capital Programme Board (CPB) is to scrutinise the development and delivery of the Council's Capital Programme, with a review to ensuring the following outcomes are delivered:
- Improved estimates for cost and time of capital projects;
 - Improved project and programme management and governance;
 - Improved post project evaluation; and
 - Improved prioritisation process across the programme as a whole.
- 2.1 The attached paper in Appendix A focuses on the capital programme managed by Children Families and Adults (CFA). This is currently the largest capital programme managed by the Council. Responsibility for the programme and the client service function rests with the 0-19 Place Planning and Organisation Service. Property Services (previously LGSS Property Services) manage the construction programme, using the design and Build Contract Framework.
- 2.2 The paper provides a summary of the work undertaken to help achieve the CPB outcomes, and sets out the remaining issues and challenges and further action to address these.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The main areas for consideration within the attached paper are as follows:
- 2.1.1. setting benchmark building rates,
 - 2.1.2. improved governance arrangements relating to Employer's contingency,
 - 2.1.3. reducing build area and improving specifications,
 - 2.1.4. the challenges faced by the Town Planning system,
 - 2.1.5. a review of CCC policy on Fire Insurance costs;
 - 2.1.6. batching of projects;
 - 2.1.7. working with other development partners to reduce cost; and,
 - 2.1.8. reduction of fees associated with construction projects.
- 2.2 Within the report officers have identified recommendations against each of the areas highlighted above. Recommendations relating to items 2.1.1. and 2.1.2. are being follow up by officers, and new management processes and governance arrangements are expected to be in place by the end of the year.
- 2.3 Recommendations relating to items 2.1.4 – 2.1.7. are considered to be beyond the remit of the Property service and CFA client teams. Further consideration of these items will be made at future CPB meetings.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.2 Statutory, Legal and Risk

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.3 Equality and Diversity

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.4 Engagement and Communications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.5 Localism and Local Member

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.6 Public Health

There are no significant implications for this priority.

Source Documents	Location
CYP Capital Programme	Attached at Appendix A