1. Basic Need Capital Funding – Summary

1.1 The overall expansion programme costs (below) have remained largely unchanged from the last report in October.

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<th>Previous estimate (Sept ‘18)</th>
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<td>Primary expansions</td>
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1.2 Confirmed funding to April 2021 amounts to £173.56m and total planned expenditure to £168.9m. This leaves a small balance of funding of around £4.6m for the current expansion programme. It should be noted however, that this includes just under £700k uncommitted Special Provision Fund grant to support SEN. Possible future calls on this grant have been identified which, though currently un-committed, are likely to offset this balance.

2. Capital Maintenance Programme

2.1 The majority of projects within the 2018-19 programme have been completed. Larger projects at Abbey Primary to create a bigger kitchen and extend the dining area and the first phase of the safeguarding project at Stanley Park Junior to re-locate the boys' toilet block are also now approaching completion.

2.2 Following confirmation of the final costs for many of the projects within this programme there remains an unallocated sum of just over £400K to cover any identified roofing works at Bandon Hill (outcome of roofing survey still awaited) and any emergency/high priority works that might still emerge as the year progresses.

3. New Secondary School

3.1 The main school build is scheduled to complete 24th June 2019.

3.2 The school admitted the first year group in temporary accommodation in Cumbrian House at the start of this autumn term. There are no changes to capital contributions being made by the London Borough of Sutton and the project remains on budget.

4. Primary school expansion programme update

4.1 There is currently only one primary project still in the delivery phase:

- Hackbridge Primary – Building work commenced in May 2017 and is approaching completion. This project provides sufficient accommodation for a further 210 pupils plus nursery. The school was able to accommodate additional pupils in its existing buildings at the beginning of the term until the new site is ready for occupation. The delivery of the second phase to provide sufficient accommodation for 2FE will depend on underlying demand in the local area including the progress of the Felnex development.

4.2 Primary applications have been received for the 2018 intake showing a
reduction on last year and against the current forecast. There were 2450 first preference applications for 2572 available places in September 2018 (excluding Hackbridge expansion). Although census data is not yet available the number on roll is expected to be in the region of 2415 which is a significant reduction on previous years. This will need to be monitored carefully. Should this represent a downward trend then the Local Authority may need to consider actions necessary in the future to reduce capacity in the Borough.

4.3 Secondary applications have been received for the 2019/20 academic year. There are 3719 first preference applications for 3314 available PAN places. Total 1st preferences increased by 52 over last year but there are 145 more in-Borough 1st preference applications for a Sutton school than last year (93 less OB). There are 112 extra Sutton resident applicants than last year (for any school broken down by 76 boys, 36 girls) - broadly in line with the additional Year 6 cohort coming through primary schools. Additional places will be required for 2019, officers are meeting with schools on 30 November to review how the expected demand can be met.

5. Special Provision Fund

5.1 This capital grant is to support provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities and has been included in the overall Expansion programme funding summarised in 1.1 above. So far £1.15m of the £1.8m grant allocated has been committed to support the following projects:

- Avenue - KS2 base to follow on from existing KS1 ASD base. The new classrooms are now completed.
- Limes College - works at Lindbergh Centre to provide additional primary alternative provision are now complete with full occupation of the new provision from the beginning of this autumn term.
- Carew Manor - provision of additional temporary double classroom - completed for September 2018.

6. Healthy Pupils Capital Fund

6.1 A one-off capital grant allocation of just over £100K was announced earlier this year. Bids amounting to over £140K were received from schools and officers reviewed these against the criteria. A shortlist of projects recommended to be supported has been circulated to the Asset Management Planning Group and will be agreed shortly. The successful bids will be reported to the next meeting of the Schools Forum.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 This report provides an update on capital issues that have arisen since the last meeting of the Forum.
8. Influence on the Council’s Corporate Core Values and Objectives

8.1 One of the core values is working with partners. Setting the capital budget, and considering related issues, is an important part of the budget process that fully involves schools as partners and particularly recognises the important role of the Schools Forum.