

**Chadderton District Partnership**

## **Building Schools for the Future and Academies Programme**

**Report of Executive Director of Economy Place and Skills**

Portfolio Responsibility: Economy Place and Skills

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### **4. Building Schools for the Future and Academies Programmes.**

- 4.1 The District Partnership will be aware that the Council and its partners are pursuing an ambitious plan under the Building Schools for the Future programme to ensure every secondary school will be rebuilt, replaced or substantially refurbished by 2014.
- 4.2 In Chadderton, South Chadderton School will close and together with the Kaskenmoor School will form an Oasis Learning Trust sponsored Academy on the former Brook Mill/Oak Colliery site.

- 4.3 A new Roman Catholic School is to be developed on the former Radclyffe School site replacing Our Lady's School, Royton and St Augustine's School, Werneth.
- 4.4 The North Chadderton School is to be consolidated onto the main site and the school to be redeveloped and refurbished.

## **5 Oasis Academy Programme.**

- 5.1 Outline planning permission was granted for a new school on the Brook Mill/Oak Colliery site at Planning Committee on the 1 July 2009.
- 5.2 The procurement of the three Academies in Oldham has been approved by Partnership for Schools (PfS) to be undertaken through the PfS National Framework for Academies rather than the BSF delivery vehicle. The selected panel members are Wilmot Dixon and Carillon. The Oasis Academy has been selected as the sample scheme and the design process began in October 2009 with a series of design and clarification meetings for both bidders.
- 5.3 Both companies submitted their bids on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and evaluation of the bids is currently taking place. Because it is a competitive bidding process it is not possible to disclose any details of either scheme at this present moment.
- 5.4 The Council propose to formally announce the successful panel member on the 25 March 2010 assuming approval by Cabinet on 19 March 2010.
- 5.5 Having selected a panel member the Council is then required to submit its Final Business Case to the DCSF to secure financial close prior to construction. It is anticipated that this Final Business Case will be submitted to the DCSF, assuming prior approval by Cabinet in July 2010 enabling the award of the contract to take place in September 2010 followed by the commencement on site of the construction phase.
- 5.6 In order to submit the Final Business Case and ensure a start on site in September 2010 full planning approval for the scheme must be in place and a planning application will therefore be submitted to the authority in April 2010.

## **6 Oasis Academy Proposed Community Engagement.**

- 6.1 It is proposed that prior to the submission of a planning application local residents and users of the proposed Academy have an opportunity to view and comment on the selected scheme. The timescale for this engagement will however have to be limited to enable the council to meet the timetable being set by DCSF. It is further exacerbated by the Easter holiday break.
- 6.2 I am proposing that 3 public engagement events take place in the week commencing 29 March 2010.at the following locations:

- (i) Kaskenmoor School

- (ii) South Chadderton School
- (iii) Hollin's Methodist Church, Millgate.

- 6.3 All these events will include a drop in sessions with officers and partner organisations in attendance to answer queries and receive feedback on the scheme proposals. The first two are aimed at pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers and take place during the day, whilst the third will be an evening event aimed primarily at, although not exclusively, local residents. Anyone interested can attend any of the events. Further publicity will be given nearer the time.
- 6.4 It would have been desirable to bring the proposals to a meeting of the District Partnership; unfortunately the timing of the current meeting does not make this possible.
- 6.5 An emailed invite was sent to Councillors to ask them to attend a briefing session on the morning of 29 March 2010 to view the detail of the 'winning design' prior to the public engagement events noted in 6.2 and 6.3 above.
- 6.6 Further opportunities to comment on the scheme proposals will be available through the formal planning consultation process.

## **7. Roman Catholic and North Chadderton Schools Programme**

- 7.1 Outline planning permission was granted for a new school on former Radclyffe School site and for the proposed partial demolition, redevelopment and refurbishment at North Chadderton School at Planning Committee on the 17 December 2008.
- 7.2 The procurement of the two schools is being undertaken through the Competitive Dialogue Process following issue of an OJEU Notice in July 2009. The procurement is based on PfS standard documents for delivery of BSF through a Local Education Partner (LEP) and all changes have been approved by them. The Bidders are Balfour Beatty Education and Equity Solutions & Partners.
- 7.3 We are currently in the competitive bidding process and both parties have developed the first iteration of their schemes which were submitted to the Council for evaluation on 18 December 2009. The second stage of the Competitive Dialogue Process started in February 2010 and Bidders will continue to develop their designs proposals in detail for submission of Final Bids in May 2010. Because it is a competitive bidding process it is not possible to disclose any details of either scheme at this present moment.
- 7.4 The Council propose to formally announce the successful LEP on the 9 July 2010 assuming approval by Cabinet in June 2010.
- 7.5 Having selected a panel member the Council is then required to submit its Final Business Case to the DCSF to secure financial close prior to construction. It is anticipated that this Final Business Case will be submitted to

the DCSF, assuming prior approval by Cabinet in October 2010 enabling the award of the contract to take place in December 2010 followed by the commencement on site of the construction phase.

7.6 In order to submit the Final Business Case and ensure a start on site in January 2011 full planning approval for the scheme must be in place and a planning application will therefore be submitted to the authority in July 2010.

## **8 Roman Catholic and North Chadderton Schools Proposed Community Engagement.**

8.1 It is proposed that prior to the submission of a planning application local residents and users of the proposed schools have an opportunity to view and comment on the selected scheme. The timescale for this engagement will however have to be such to enable the council to meet the timetable being set by DCSF.

**8.2** For the Roman Catholic School I am proposing that 3 public engagement events take place, one each at the constituent schools for students, staff, parents/carers, governors and feeder primary schools, the third event to take place in the vicinity of the proposed site primarily, but not exclusively, for local residents to attend. Anyone interested will be able to attend any of the events. Further publicity will be given nearer the time. Possible venues for the local event are Nimble Nook or the Kingfisher School.

8.3 For the North Chadderton School I am proposing a single public engagement event take place at the school for students, parents/carers, governors, feeder primary schools and local residents. Further publicity will be given nearer the time.

8.4 It would be desirable to bring the proposals to a meeting of the District Partnership, as the dates have not yet been set for the coming year I am unable to provide an assurance, that within the timescales we have to operate, that this will be possible. All relevant ward councillors will be invited to attend a preview of the chosen option prior to any community engagement.

8.5 It is proposed that the above events take place during July, the final dates to be confirmed and circulated as soon as possible.

8.6 It should be noted that further opportunities to comment on the scheme proposals will be available through the formal planning consultation process.

## **9. OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES**

9.1 The following options were considered:

(i) to not undertake any consultation prior to submission of the planning application.

(ii) to delay submission of the planning application to allow further time for pre planning engagement.

- 9.2 These options were discounted for the following reasons:
- (i) whilst it is not a requirement to undertake consultation following selection of the preferred partner/developer, it is considered good practice.
  - (ii) to delay submission of the planning application is not a practical option if the Council is to secure the necessary approvals to enable implementation.

## **10. PREFERRED OPTION**

- 10.1 The preferred options are outlined in the report.

## **11. CONSULTATION**

- 11.1 This report sets out the proposed consultation for the schemes.

## **12 Financial Implications**

- 12.1 To follow

## **13 Legal Services Comments**

- 13.1 To follow

## **14 Human Resources Comments**

- 14.1 Not applicable.

## **15 Risk Assessments**

- 15.1 Not applicable

## **16 IT Implications**

- 16.1 Not applicable

## **17 Property Implications**

- 17.1 Not applicable

## **18 Procurement Implications**

- 18.1 Not applicable

## **19 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

- 19.1 The proposed community engagement events will take place in venues that meet Health and Safety requirements.

20 **Community Cohesion Implications [including Crime & Disorder Implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Act] and Equalities Implications**

20.1 The proposed Building Schools for the Future and Academies Programme has, as one of its aims, building community cohesion. A purpose of the community engagement events is to assist in ensuring that communities have the opportunity to view and comment on the proposals before planning applications are submitted.

21 **Forward Plan Reference**

21.1 Not applicable.

22 **Key Decision**

22.1 No

23 **Background Papers**

23.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act :

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Name of File : [insert]

Records held in [insert] Department, [insert address]

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