

FC49. NEW ASN SECONDARY SCHOOL PROJECT

Council considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking approval to proceed to stage 2 for the delivery of a new purpose built ASN Secondary school to replace Carrongrange School.

The Education Executive agreed, on 16 December 2013 (ref EE29), that the new school would be built within the grounds of Moray Primary School, Grangemouth.

The 2015/18 Capital Programme provides £15.350m for the project, with £7.675m of the cost to be met from the Scottish Futures Trust as part of the Schools for the Future phase 3 programme. The stage 1 process for the design and site preliminary work has been carried out by Hubco. The stage 1 report which was appended set out:-

- a detailed pricing report;
- a technical design submission; and
- a programme for delivery

The stage 1 report identified revised project costing's of £17.568m. The increase was attributed to inflationary uplift to the project and a revised 'risk sum allowance'.

The maximum project cost to the Council, if approved, will be £8.784m (50% of the total cost) a potential increase of £1.109m to the budgeted provision.

Should Council approve the stage 1 report the project will proceed to stage 2 with financial close expected to be reached in February 2016 and construction commencing in March 2016. On approval payment for the stage 1 works (£78,501) will be made to Hubco.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the revised estimated costs and progress on design and planning for the new school;**
- (2) the Stage 1 Hubco report to enable the payment of Stage 1 costs of £78,501 and to allow the project to progress to Stage 2; and**
- (3) that officers submit a revised capital bid, as per the Stage 1 report, for consideration at the Council's February budget meeting of its 2016-2019 Capital Plan.**