

#### **EE41. NEW ASN SECONDARY SCHOOL – ADVANCED/ENABLING WORKS**

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking approval to commence Phase I advance/enabling works at the new ASN School and to commence Phase II advance works subject to confirmation that costs would be within the overall agreed capital budget.

As part of the new ASN School Project a number of advance enabling works required to be undertaken. These included the formation of site openings, drainage works and site hoardings. The cost of these works was included in the agreed budget. Works to divert a culvert had not been included in the budget but were necessary. The contractor had proposed that all enabling works are carried out at the same time, thereby reducing the overall project cost by approximately £39,000. Additionally street lighting works were required the cost of which was not included in the budget for the project.

It was proposed that the enabling works are undertaken in two phases:-

##### Phase I Enabling Works

- formation of site openings (funded within contract)
- culvert diversion (funded by Council)
- installation of street lighting (funded by Council).

The total estimated cost of this work was approximately £221,000 which would be met from the All Schools Capital Improvements Budget and the existing allocation for the new ASN School in the Capital Programme.

It was proposed that these works would start onsite immediately to ensure that the overall project timeframe was maintained.

##### Phase II Enabling Works

- site hoardings
- drainage
- lowering of existing services at site openings
- groundworks (site scrape and excavation and piling mat installation).

The cost of these works was £409,000 and would be funded from the capital budget for the new ASN School. However it was proposed that these would only proceed upon receipt of written confirmation that the final project costs were within the overall capital budget of the project.

#### **Decision**

**The Education Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to note the requirement to proceed with a package of advance/enabling works prior to Financial Close to meet the overall programme timescales and the proposal to undertake this work in the cost effective manner as detailed in section 4.2 of the report;**
- (2) the Phase I advance/enabling work and that works commencing onsite immediately; and**
- (3) the Phase II advance works, subject to written confirmation being received from Hubco that the final costs will be within the overall agreed capital budget.**