



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

**CABINET
ADDENDUM
Public Questions and Item 55 Capital
Investment Programme 2009/10
Appendix 1(a)**

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

(i) Ms. A Phillips

“Brighton & Hove City Council’s Local Transport Plan (LTP) highlights the problems associated with the high levels of motor vehicles that we have in this city. These problems include noise, severance, congestion, dangerously poor air quality and of course road safety alongside communities generally dominated by traffic. It rightly sets ambitious targets for traffic reduction, improved air quality and significant modal shift from the private car to sustainable modes namely walking, cycling and public transport. With this in mind, I would ask that Brighton & Hove City Council’s Cabinet consider introducing a 20 mph speed limit across the city.”

Appendix 1: Capital Schemes for Approval

Capital project approval	
Project title: Falmer Academy	Total project cost: £ 530,000 of a total project cost of £28,041,000
Project Manager: Gil Sweetenham	Directorate: CYPT

Purpose, benefits and risks
<p>In October 2008, the Council submitted its Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Falmer Academy to the DCSF. The Secretary of State gave his approval on 17th December 2008. This, together with the Council's commitment to close Falmer High School moved the project from the second (Feasibility) stage into the third (Implementation) stage. The OBC approval confirmed the Funding Envelope for the build of £26.041m and an ICT contract of £2m bringing the total envelope to £28.041m.</p> <p>Prior to the Design and Build contract being signed, the Council must submit a Final Business Case (FBC). The FBC is submitted to and approved by Partnerships for Schools (Pfs). The Cabinet will be asked to approve the FBC before its submission and therefore the FBC will be brought before Members at the September 2009 Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>On 26 February 2009, Full Council approved funding of £200,000 from the Strategic Investment Fund to provide project resources to support the progression of the scheme. On 11 June 2009 the Cabinet further agreed that the preferred bidder undertakes the demolition of the central block and removal of trees as required during the school summer holiday period. As the FBC has yet to be accepted the Council will need to fund these enabling works costing approximately £530,000. Once the FBC is accepted and the Academy funds are released the Council will be reimbursed. The appropriate level of enabling works will proceed if this is not prejudicial to the planning application.</p>

Capital expenditure profile				
	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	TOTAL
Estimated Costs	£530,000	£0	£0	£530,000

Financial implications
<p>The costs will be refunded from the government's Academy Programme (total £28.041m) which will be received once the Financial Business Case is approved. Approval to submit the FBC to the DCSF is being sought from Cabinet in September 2009.</p> <p>The development of the Falmer Academy has involved the DCSF and Pfs at all stages and has progressed through the necessary due diligence stages. The risk of non-approval of the FBC is therefore very small.</p>

