

## STAGE 1: PROJECT MANDATE

Project name

What is the working title for the project?

Bridgewater Primary School

Programme

Which programme do you think the project best fits into?

CS Capital Programme Board

Link to Council Priorities

- A working city
- Decent neighbourhoods
- Tackling inequalities
- A fit for purpose council

What is the project?

Please provide brief details of the background to the project and what it will involve

A capital project to remodel and extend the existing Bridgewater Primary School.

The improved school is intended to be a catalyst for the wider regeneration programme of the Scotswood and Benwell area.

The additional homes planned to be constructed as part of the area regeneration will result in the need for additional school places.

This capacity requirement can be met by increasing the school intake from one to two forms of entry. Concurrently, there is a need to provide an improved learning environment throughout the school.

Remodelling of the school needs to address access issues (existing buildings on various levels and site is sloping, south facing) and to respond to the planned community being created to the south.

Why do we need it?

Please explain why the project is needed and what it will achieve

The need for the project has been demonstrated by the review of primary school place provision alongside regeneration proposals for the Scotswood/Benwell Area,

The School Vision identifies the following objectives for the next 3 to 5 years;

- provide high quality teaching and learning that takes account of different learning styles and the most recent research into learning;
- provide learning opportunities that are personalised to meet individual needs and aspirations;
- challenge learners to progress from being simple recipients of knowledge to become critical thinkers, able to compare, contrast, analyse and make judgements;
- create a positive environment based on tolerance and

understanding where everyone works in partnership to overcome barriers to student learning;

- welcome and support parents to become equal partners in the provision of education made for their children;
- provide processes that enable learners to evaluate and affect change to the provision the school makes for them;
- provide opportunities for all members of the school community to learn and progress their knowledge, skills and understanding;
- constantly evaluate the provision we make for our learners, identify areas for development and take the necessary action to improve.

The remodelling and extension of the school forms an essential part of achieving these objectives.

Source of idea

Where did the idea for the project come from? (e.g. a strategy or action plan, Member suggestion, government directive, or funding opportunity)

Regeneration proposals for the Scotswood/Benwell area of Newcastle include the review of school place provision for envisaged future local population profile. The review was undertaken by NCC Children's Services

Project sponsor

Who is the senior officer supporting or proposing the project?

John Collings (Executive Director, Children's Services)

Project manager

Who will be responsible for taking the project through the project planning stages and gateways (NB this may not necessarily be the project manager once the project moves into delivery if it is approved)

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Project type

Capital

Other

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## **GATEWAY 1**

Directorate Programme Manager to confirm appropriate Theme or Programme Board

Nothing selected

Meeting date

Response

Nothing selected

Comments