

Appendix 5 Recommendation of the Strategic Investment Group

Recommendation: Members approve Bodnant Community School extension and refurbishment scheme proceeds to construction phase.

The Council's Corporate Plan details the Council's ambition to deliver significant investment in the Council's School Building portfolio over the next few years.

This scheme is one of five projects within the Band A proposals for 21st Century Schools programme.

The project will build 7 classrooms, a new school hall and supporting facilities on the current Juniors site. This will allow the Infants pupils to move to the Juniors site and the school to operate on a single site. The Infants site will then become surplus to requirements.

In February 2013, Cabinet approved spending of up to £300,000 to allow the Detailed Design Stage to be carried out. The latest scheme estimate is £3.44m and the Welsh Government have confirmed up to £1.69m grant funding.

Approval is now required for the balance of Council funding of £1.45m to enable the construction phase to commence. It is hoped that the construction contract can be awarded in November 2014 with construction on site beginning in January 2015.