

TRINITY SCHOOL: APPROVAL OF DRAWINGS

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

- (a) to approve drawing Nos. 2709:99:10 (Rev B) 2709:99:11 (Rev C) 2709:99:12 (Rev C) 2709:99:13 (Rev and 2709:99:15 (Rev A) showing the construction of two additional classrooms and remodelling at Trinity School, Trinity;
- (b) to authorise the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Notes:
- 1. The Planning and Environment Committee approved these drawings under Development Permit No. 494/1.
 - 2. The Finance and Economics Committee supports this proposition, subject to the cost of the work being contained within the existing cash limits of the Education Committee.

Report

Trinity School has only five permanent classrooms and two temporary classrooms. The temporary classrooms, which were installed in 1998, were necessary due to the increase in the number of primary aged pupils living within the catchment area plus the need for this school to accept pupils from St. Martin's School, which is also over-subscribed. These schools are expected to remain above their capacities for many years to come, and present predictions indicate that the temporary classrooms at Trinity will be required for another seven to eight years at least.

The long-term expectation is that the number of pupils will eventually drop sufficiently to allow the school to manage with six permanent classrooms with the one large permanent classroom situated within the old school becoming a Nursery Class. The construction of an additional Nursery Class extension at this school is not economically possible, due to the very constrained site and the different levels between the main school and the adjacent playground.

It is proposed to construct two permanent classrooms on the last remaining open land to the north of the existing school, on what was previously a school garden. This scheme was agreed with the previous Headteacher and his staff in 1996 and an appropriate budget bid was successfully acquired by the Committee in January 1999.

The Committee has also taken the opportunity to bring forward certain revenue works as part of this scheme on the basis that -

- (a) it is more cost-effective in the long term to undertake these works as part of a larger project; and
- (b) further construction activities carried out in future years would be constrained by difficult access and cause multiple disruptions to the operation of the school.

Allocated within its capital vote C2576, the Committee has the sum of £353,000. However, this figure was established at December 1997 prices and this will need to be increased to cover the rise in building costs between that date and the project commencement.

Any shortfall between the cost of the scheme and the available capital vote will be met from other capital votes or, where appropriate, from the Education Committee's revenue vote.

This proposition has no manpower implications for the States.