

MORE NEW SCHOOLS IN NOTTINGHAM CITY

Nottingham City Council has submitted proposals to Central Government to rebuild and renew another six secondary schools in Nottingham.

The proposals outline Nottingham City Council's plans to change the educational experience for pupils and teachers and to increase opportunities for life-long learning for the wider community.

The proposals are part of Nottingham City Council's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. Nottingham City Council has been successful in being included in Wave 5 of the national BSF programme which will lead to funding being made available to complete the transformation of secondary and special needs education in the city.

It is anticipated that the City Council will receive approximately £90 million which will benefit the following schools:

- Westbury School;
- Trinity Comprehensive;
- Top Valley Comprehensive;
- Nottingham Bluecoat and Technology College (Aspley Lane Campus);
- Manning Girls' School; and
- Fernwood Comprehensive.

Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) provision for vulnerable children and young people who do not attend school due to sickness, medical reasons, becoming a young mother or because they are permanently excluded from school, will also be reviewed. The aim is that the schools will be completed by 2014.

Edwina Grant, Corporate Director of Children's Services at Nottingham City Council, said: "This is an exciting opportunity to ensure that all secondary schools in Nottingham have 21st century facilities and flexible environments which can adapt easily to future models of curriculum and school organisation. This will complete in Nottingham, the Government's pledge to see every state secondary school in England rebuilt or remodelled. This major investment demonstrates the confidence in the city and will be a major boost to the council's ambition to regenerate Nottingham's neighbourhoods."

Nottingham City Council now has to wait for Ministerial approval of the proposals before funding is made available. Approval is anticipated to be received in autumn 2008.

