

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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**Joint Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults and
the Director of Property**

Dallimore Primary School – Car Park, Access & Security Fencing

1. **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to use funding previously agreed for window replacement work at Dallimore Primary School to enable a car park, new access and security fencing to be brought forward from later phases in the rebuilding of the school.
2. **Information and Analysis**
 - 2.1 The Authority has identified that the school's existing accommodation is structurally unsound and in urgent need of replacement. A phased 3 stage rebuild of the school has therefore been proposed. As part of the first phase a 4 classroom KS1 block has recently been completed with funding approved in the CAYA 2012/13 Capital Programme. Demolition of the existing block it replaces is planned to commence during the Easter holidays
 - 2.2 A bid for funding to construct phase two; consisting of a new hall, kitchen, library, staffroom, admin. offices and toilets plus various external works including a car park and new access will be made as part of the CAYA 2014/15 Capital Programme.
 - 2.3 It is envisaged that a further bid to fund phase 3; a 6 classroom KS2 block plus new playgrounds and perimeter security fencing will be made in a future capital programme.
 - 2.4 It has now become apparent that savings could be made on abortive work if the car park and new access could be brought forward from phase 2 and follow on from the demolition element of phase 1. Significant security issues were also faced by the contractor during phase 1 with a number of break-ins and thefts of tools and equipment from site. It is therefore proposed to bring forward the installation of the security fencing from phase 3. Both the new car park/access and security fencing can be funded from savings made during phase 1 and through using £50,000 of funding previously approved by Cabinet for window replacement at the school, which is no longer required.

3. Financial Considerations

3.1 On 31 January 2012 as part of the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme, Cabinet approved a budget for phase 1 at Dallimore Primary School of £1.95m. On receipt of the tender and following a value engineering exercise the total project cost was £1.834m, thus giving a saving of £116,000. Further savings of £60,000 were accrued during construction due to design changes.

3.2 Cabinet also approved £253,000 on 3 April 2012 for replacement windows in one of the existing blocks at the School. This work did not proceed as it was subsequently found that the building was structurally unstable.

3.3 The total cost of the car park, access and security fencing as detailed above is £226,000. It is therefore proposed that these works should be funded from the savings totalling £176,000 from phase 1 with £50,000 coming from the unspent allocation of £253,000 approved for replacement windows at the School.

3.4 It is proposed that the remaining £203,000 from the allocation for replacement windows will be used for phase 2 and thus reduce the bid for funding required from the 2014/15 CAYA Capital Programme.

4. Property Considerations Dallimore Primary School is owned by the Authority. All works will be procured and managed by the Authority.

5. Other Considerations In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, legal & human rights, human resources and transport considerations.

6. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision in this report?

No

7. Background Papers A background file is held in CAYA Development.

8. Key Decision No.

9. Officer Recommendation:-

That approval be given to use £50,000 from the £253,000 allocated for window replacement at Dallimore Primary School, together with savings

from phase 1 in order to bring forward construction of a new car park and access together with the installation of security fencing.

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