

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

11 August 2015

Report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults

ECKINGTON YOUTH CENTRE PROJECT

1. Purpose of the Report

To gain Cabinet Member approval to carry out improvement works at Eckington Youth Centre using SCAPE funding.

2. Information and Analysis

In June 2014, additional capital funding of £70,000 was secured through SCAPE, a public sector owned company specialising in the built environment, to refurbish and improve accessibility of Eckington Youth Centre, with specific focus on making the centre compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

The aim of the project is to ensure that Eckington Youth Centre is a 'fit for purpose' youth centre and community facility which can be used both to promote community cohesion as well as an asset to generate income to ensure sustainability.

The improvements agreed are:

- Making changes to an internal room adjacent to toilets and adding a new accessible toilet
- Repairing damaged ceiling tiles
- New vinyl flooring
- Refurbishment of kitchen to include:
 - Height adjustable sink unit and work top
 - New wall units
 - Height adjustable hob unit and eye level oven
- Internal redecoration
- External refurbishment to include:
 - Repainting of ramp hand railing
 - Repair works to roof
 - New fire door

The structural survey, work specification and project cost was completed by Derbyshire County Council Property Services Team in conjunction with CAYA in August 2014 and all work is currently on file with the property team awaiting final authorisation.

The proposal is that DCC carry out the work to the original specification. UFI (Eckington Youth Forum) will put together a specification for additional internal artwork and work with young people from Acorn Training to complete the internal work, providing learners from Acorn with a work experience placement. This work will be supervised by Acorn and materials funded through money secured through the SCAPE bid.

3. Financial Considerations

The cost for the improvements will amount to £55,424 (see attached costings), plus architect's fee of £5,542.50, making a total of £60,966.50

The remaining spend will be determined by young people and will be used to support the following:

- Installation of Wifi
- Materials for work with Acorn
- Promoting building in community to increase usage (income generation)
- Supporting work with UFI

4. Human Resources Considerations

None

5. Other Considerations

It is likely that the building will not be accessible during the period of works and alternative arrangements will be made to ensure that work with young people continues during this period.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human rights, personnel, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

6. Background Papers

The Youth Buildings Review paper (to CABINET on 5th March, 2013).

7. Key Decision

No

8. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period? No

9. Officer's Recommendation

That approval be given to carry out the improvement works at Eckington Youth Centre using SCAPE funding.

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