

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

14 July 2015

Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT
FAIRVIEW CHILDREN'S HOME, CHESTERFIELD AND
GLENHOLME CHILDREN'S HOME, LONG EATON**

1. Purpose of Report

To request approval to place two orders for capital improvement works at Fairview Children's Home Chesterfield, and Glenholme Children's Home Long Eaton.

2. Information and Analysis

The Property review meeting held at Fairview home on 9th October 2014 identified the need for improvements for the following works: remodel and replace the front door including an access control system, refurbishment of the office/staff sleeping in room and a bathroom refurbishment. A subsequent OfSTED inspection has endorsed the need for these improvements.

Three quotes have been received from The Director of Property. Firstly for the office/sleeping in room refurbishment for £9,605 which includes stripping out of the existing fitted storage, an electrical upgrade/new lighting and additional data points and sockets. Secondly, for a new front door for £7,092 which includes a hard wood front door with side panels, a video entry system linked to the office and a fob access control system. Thirdly, for the bathroom refurbishment for £9,849 which includes a new bathroom suite and tiling. This gives a total for the three quotes of £26,546. In addition there is an allowance of £2,500 for new furniture which gives a total cost of £29,046.

An OFSTED inspection in November 2014 at Glenholme Children's Home, Long Eaton provided a requirement for building improvements to the home, especially the refurbishment of two

bathrooms, the refurbishment of the kitchen and the replacement of 19 fire doors.

A report to the Cabinet Member on 7 April 2015 approved a sum of £63,683 for the replacement fire doors and the refurbishment of the bathrooms.

A quote from The Director of Property for the kitchen and pantry refurbishment has been received for £36,317 which includes £17,684 from a kitchen unit manufacturer, £5,140 for mechanical and electrical installation and associated building work, £3,713 for wall and floor finishes, and other minor works and fees of £9,780

3. Financial Considerations

The remaining budget in the 2014/15 Children's Homes budget is £12,217; there is also £100,000 available for Children's Homes in the 2015/16 budget. With Member approval, it is proposed to charge the Glenholme scheme as follows:

2014/15 Children's Home budget: £12,217

2015/16 Children's Home budget: £24,100

Total £36,317

It is further proposed to charge the Fairview scheme as follows:

2015/16 Children's Home budget: £29,046

On this basis, there would be £46,854 remaining within the 2015/16 Children's Home budget available for further capital schemes.

4. Other Considerations

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

5. Background Papers

Papers are held on file in the Children and Younger Adults, Development Section.

6. Key Decision No

7. Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived? No

8. Officer Recommendation That approval be given to:

place an order to the value of £29,046 for improvement works at Fairview Children's Home Chesterfield;
and an order to the value of £36,317 for improvement works at Glenholme Children's Home, Long Eaton.

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