

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7 April 2015

Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

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

1. Purpose of Report

To request approval to place an order for capital improvement works at Glenholme Children's Home, Long Eaton.

2. Information and Analysis

An Ofsted inspection in November 2014 provided a requirement for building improvements to the home, especially the refurbishment of two bathrooms, the refurbishment of the kitchen and replacement of 19 internal fire doors. A follow on visit by the Ofsted inspector took place on 18 February 2015 at which the urgency of an early start to these works was stressed. A tender from the Director of Property for the refurbishment of two bathrooms and replacement of 19 internal fire doors has been received to the value of £63,683. The details of this cost are given below:

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| Building works | £50,183 |
| Contingency | £10,000 |
| Fees | £3,500 |
| Total | £63,683 |

The kitchen refurbishment work is still in the design stage and the tender cost will be subject to a later request for approval. Ofsted, however, is pressing for the works to be started on site as soon as possible, and approval will allow the bathroom refurbishments and replacement fire doors' works to proceed to an earlier start on site.

3. Financial Considerations

The sum of £63,683 is to be a charge against the Children's Homes capital allocation of £100,000 (approved in the Children & Younger Adults Capital Programme 2014-15) that was approved at Cabinet on 02 June 2014. Of this, there is currently £75,900 available.

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? Yes

There is a need for the works at the premises to be completed urgently in line with Ofsted's recommendation. In order to achieve this, it has been necessary to request Councillor Diane Charles, Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee, People, to consider the proposed waiving of call-in in respect of the report. Councillor Charles has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable and to it being treated as a matter of urgency in order to ensure that the works can be carried out in line with Ofsted's recommendation.

8. Officer Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member:-

8.1 Approves placing an order to the value of £63,683 for capital improvements at Glenholme Children's Home, Long Eaton.

8.2 Agrees that call-in be waived in view of the urgency of the matter.

Ian Johnson
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