

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-16 BUDGET
ADJUSTMENTS**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to a number of changes to the Children's Services Capital Programme.

2. Information and Analysis

The Children's Services Capital Programme 2014/15 included a project at Heath Primary to rewire the school. The amount allocated was £150,000. In February 2015, the DfE announced that Heath Primary School had been included in the Priority School Building Programme with a view the replacing the school. There is therefore no need to proceed with this scheme and the funds can be reallocated.

The purpose of this paper is to reallocate some of this funding to four schemes within the 2014/15 and 2015/16 Capital Programmes that require additional funding to proceed as detailed below.

Ripley Junior School was allocated £200,000 in 2015/16 for a project to replace windows, doors and cladding. This was a second phase of a 2014/15 project. An additional £49,644 is required for this project as some structural problems were discovered which require additional works.

Horsley Woodhouse Primary School was allocated £170,000 in 2014/15 for a project to replace a pitched roof. An additional £28,292 is required as the costs have risen, particularly with respect to bat mitigation measures.

Hady Primary School was allocated £175,000 in 2014/15 for a project to replace flat rooves at the school. The project has been tendered externally. The original cost estimate was not sufficient and an additional £14,314 is now required.

Whitwell Primary School was allocated £260,000 in 2015/16 to provide an additional classroom. An additional £42,825 is required for this project to go ahead. The costs have increased due to the scheme requiring pumped drainage which was not envisaged when the budget was set. In addition, tender returns from suppliers of modular buildings have been higher than expected due to the strength of demand for these buildings across the educational sector.

3. Financial Considerations

The budget increases detailed above will increase the total budget for the four schemes by £135,074. If the £150,000 that was allocated to the rewiring scheme at Heath Primary School is used for this purpose, then the balance of £14,926 can be returned to the Capital Programme, but be the subject of a further report.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Equality of Opportunity, Health, Legal & Human Rights, Human Resources, Environmental, Property and Transport Considerations.

5. Background Papers

These are held on the relevant capital project file in the Children's Services Development Section.

6. Key Decision No

7. Call-in

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in this report?

No.

8. Strategic Director's Recommendations

That approval is given to change the project budgets of the schemes named in this report as follows: Ripley Junior £249,644 (increased from £200,000), Horsley Woodhouse Primary £198,292 (increased from £170,000), Hady Primary School £183,314 (increased from £175,000), Whitwell Primary School £302,825 (increased from £260,000).

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