

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

8 December 2015

Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-16 JOINT FUNDING
INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOLS**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to a schedule of joint-funded projects submitted by schools as a charge on the budget approved in the 2015-16 Children's Services Capital Programme.

2. Information and Analysis

On 24 March 2015, as part of the 2015-16 Children's Services Capital Programme, Cabinet agreed to allocate £500,000 to continue with the Joint Funding Initiative introduced in 2012-13. This initiative enables schools to bid for 50% funding support from the Authority to undertake priority schemes which will improve the condition of their school site/buildings and help to reduce the backlog of maintenance works listed in the Asset Management Plan.

The Joint Funding Initiative has proved to be very popular with schools with over 246 projects approved to date.

During 2015-16, the Authority has received more bids for projects from schools than there is funding. The Authority has decided that priority would be given to schools making a first bid for funding from this initiative. A capital allocation of £407,339 for 33 bids from schools making a first Joint Funding Initiative bid who met the criteria was approved by Cabinet on 28 July 2015.

There have been 6 more bids since July from schools meeting the criteria and making a first bid, which total £64,299. It is proposed that these schemes are approved. In addition, one of the bidding schools that has already had a project approved, Somercotes Infant School, is now in Special Measures. This is the only school in the list of bidders that is in

special measures. It is proposed to approve an allocation of £11,505 for this school as the investment will provide useful improvement for the school. The details of the schemes proposed for approval are listed at Appendix 1. It is proposed that the unallocated total of £16,857 is held until further funding becomes available. There is a total of 31 bids that have not been supported that would require a total of £386,000 of funding from the Authority. It is proposed to carry these bids forward until more funding becomes available.

3. Financial Considerations

A budget of £500,000 was approved in the Children's Services Capital Programme 2015-16. An allocation of £407,339 was made in July 2015 leaving £92,661 unallocated. This paper is seeking approval to allocate a further £75,805 in total leaving £16,856 which will be the subject of a future report.

4. 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, property and transport considerations.

5. Key Decision No

6. Call In

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in the report? No

7. Background Papers

These are held on file in the Children's Services Development Section

8. Officer Recommendation

That approval be granted to the joint-funded projects as detailed in Appendix 1 with funding being split equally between the schools and the Authority, resulting in a charge of £75,805 against the Children's Services Capital Programme Joint Funding Allocation.

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Appendix 1

Joint-Funded Initiative – Projects

School	Project	Total Cost £	LA Contribution £
Aston on Trent Primary	Playground resurfacing	16,400	8,200
Buxton Community	Classrooms refurbishment	50,000	25,000
Buxworth Primary	Classroom and toilets refurbishment	25,000	12,500
Cromford CE Primary	Canopy replacement	11,388	5,694
Eyam Primary	Secondary glazing	10,000	5,000
Kilburn Infant	Playground resurfacing & repairs to the building exterior	15,812	7,906
Somercotes Infant	Nursery including toilets refurbishment	23,010	11,505
Total		151,610	75,805