

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CABINET MEMBER MEETING FOR**  
**COUNCIL SERVICES**

**9<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Report of the Director of Property**

**Remedial works to Chesterfield Meadows School and**  
**Hope Valley College**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To seek approval to undertake remedial works to the sports hall wall linings at Chesterfield Meadows School and improvements to the music room sound insulation at Hope Valley College.

**2. Information and Analysis**

A new sports hall facility at the Meadows School constructed around 2003 included MDF wall linings whose fixings have proved to be inadequate due to inappropriate fixing details, failure of adhesives and the constant impact exerted by secondary school sports. The school have expressed concern at some of the linings pulling away from background fixings and officers accept these fixings should have been designed more rigidly. Architects within County Property have now designed a repair solution to this problem which involves removing and replacing these linings with an alternative lining and fixing which they are confident will be suitable.

The Hope Valley scheme is a music and drama block which was completed in 2008 and which included music practice rooms which incorporated some sound proofing. However, the school have continuously expressed concern that due to the proximity of other facilities, the soundproofing is not suitable for purpose. Following investigation, officers accept the soundproofing does not work to an acceptable level and there needs to be a solution to limit the noise to lesser levels than there are at present. Architects have now designed a repair solution to this problem which involves an additional layer of wall lining, replacement ceiling linings, sound insulating works within ceiling spaces and secondary practice room doors to compliment the high quality existing doors. The remedial works will be undertaken in house by Corporate Property.

### **3. Financial Information**

Estimated costs for each of these proposed schemes are £35,000 for Meadows and £30,000 for Hope Valley; these costs can be funded from the 2013 / 2014 design services revenue fee account.

### **4. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health and transport considerations.

### **5. Key Decision**

**NO**

### **6. Call-in**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? **NO**

### **7. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That approval be given to the new wall boarding at the Chesterfield Meadows School and to the sound insulation works at the Hope Valley College School as outlined in the body of this report.

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