

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

10th September 2013

**Joint Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger
Adults and the Director of Property**

**Solomon House, Buxton Children's Home – Minor Works
Improvements – (Children and Young People)**

1. **Purpose of Report** To approve a minor capital project at Solomon House Children's Home, Buxton.

2. **Information and Analysis**

Approved in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme is a budget of £100,000 to carry out minor works improvements in the Authority's Children's Homes. An earlier allocation of £23,650 to address a shortfall in funding for a project at the Clay Cross Stephenson Unit means that a sum of £76,350 remains uncommitted.

A proposed project at Solomon House Children's Home, identified during the annual review of property issues in all children's homes, comprises several elements:

- Provide new fire doors and high specification ironmongery to eight bedrooms
- Re-model front door lobby and provide replacement front door with a new door entry system linked to staff areas.
- Refurbish the dining room, to include re-plastering of the ceiling due to water damage, installing improved lighting and decoration. The refurbishment also includes re-plastering and decorating the lounge ceiling, again due to water damage.
- Refurbish the side concrete driveway into the new 'garden leisure' area.
- Remove rotten timbers from drive entrance 'arch' and cap off pillars.

3. Financial Considerations

As indicated above, uncommitted funding of £76,350 remains from the £100,000 budget approved for Children's Homes minor improvements in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme.

A tender has been received from the Director of Property for this project at Solomon House in the sum of £29,942.

This can be met from the uncommitted capital funding of £76,350, leaving a balance of £46,408, which will be the subject of future Cabinet reports.

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

- 5. Background Papers** A file is held in the CAYA development section.

- 6. Key Decision?** No

- 7. Is it required that the call-in period be waived in respect of decisions being proposed within the report?** No

- 8. Chief Officers' Recommendation**

That Cabinet approves the above project at Solomon House Children's Home, Buxton, at a total cost of £29,942; the costs being met from the allocation of £100,000 in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme for minor improvements in Children's Homes.

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