

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

15 March 2016

Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

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

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Information and Analysis

On 9 February 2016, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services approved a report which included a number of budget changes to projects in the Children's Services Capital Programme 2015-16. Savings on some projects were used to meet the need to allocate additional funds to other projects. The net effect of these changes was a saving of £288,872 to the Capital Programme.

The Authority's scheme of delegation only allows the Cabinet Member to approve virements between capital schemes of up to £100,000. Above this figure, Cabinet approval is required.

At its meeting on 24th March 2015, Cabinet approved a project at Longmoor Primary School with a budget of £525,000 to provide three additional classrooms to meet the rising demand for school places in the area. Additional funding is required now for this project. The design of the project has identified a need to provide pumped drainage for the new building. In addition, there is a planning requirement to provide enhancements to parking and to the visual appearance of the building above the original allowance. It is proposed to increase the budget by £150,000 to £675,000 to enable this project to proceed.

The same 24th March 2015 Cabinet meeting approved a scheme at Findern Primary School with a budget of £300,000 to provide a kitchen. Detailed planning for this project has identified that the only feasible location for the new kitchen will require an existing store room and office

to be replaced. As a consequence, additional funds of £125,000 are now needed which will require a total budget of £425,000.

3. Financial Considerations

The Cabinet Member report of 9th February indicated an unallocated balance on the Children's Services Capital Programme of £2,083,430. On 8th December 2015, Cabinet approved a paper dealing with a S106 allocation at Hadfield St Andrews CE Junior School, which resulted in a saving to the Children's Services Capital Programme of £32,505. The effect of the budget increases in this paper, totaling £240,000, along with the changes in the December and February papers, is to reduce the unallocated balance to £ £1,790,935.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered – prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, legal, human rights, human resources, transport and property considerations.

5. Key Decision

No

6. Call-in

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

7. Strategic Director's Recommendation

That approval is given to change the project budgets of the schemes named in this report as follows: Longmoor Primary School £675,000 (increased from £525,000), Findern Primary School kitchen £425,000 (increased from £300,000),

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