

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

15 May 2012

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

Ridgeway Primary School - Proposed Extension – (Education)

1. **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to a capital contribution towards a joint-funded project at Ridgeway Primary School.
2. **Information and Analysis**
 - 2.1 Ridgeway Primary School, Eckington, is a popular and successful school which has been extended via a number of projects over the last 12 years. Whilst these projects have improved the teaching accommodation, the office accommodation and its location within the school are inadequate and this creates difficulties with regard to visitor access, security and confidentiality. The Head and Secretary share a very small office which is isolated from the main entrance to the School.
 - 2.2 A scheme has been drawn up by the Director of Property to provide a small extension which would create a secure main entrance with a reception office and headteacher's office at a budget cost of £140,000.
3. **Financial Considerations** The school is able to make a contribution of £40,000 towards the project and has asked the Authority if it could fund the estimated shortfall of £100,000. This can be contained as a charge on savings in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme which currently total £495,000.
4. **Other Considerations** In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- property, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, legal & human rights, human resources and transport considerations.
5. **Call-in to be waived?** No
6. **Background Papers** A file is held in the CAYA Development Section.

7. Key Decision No.

8. Officers' Recommendation:-

That a maximum contribution of £100,000 be approved towards a £140,000 project at Ridgeway Primary School to provide an extension comprising new reception and headteacher's offices and a secure main entrance as a charge on the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme.

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