

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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

Hasland Hall Community School – Fire Alarm Replacement – (Education)

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to a capital allocation to replace the fire alarm at Hasland Hall Community School.

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 The Hasland Hall site has suffered in recent years from problems with the fire alarm system and Property Division's Surveyors have had to carry out some emergency temporary repairs. A replacement of the system had already been identified by officers as one which would be recommended for approval when priorities are put forward early next year for inclusion in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme. However, the system is now becoming unserviceable and parts are becoming unavailable. The system is non-compliant with the current British Standard and a technical Fire Risk assessment carried out recently recommends an urgent replacement of the current system. It is felt, therefore, that the replacement of this system is too urgent to await funding from next year's Capital Programme and that an immediate approval should be sought to fund a new system.

2.2 This is a large secondary school site with a number of separate teaching blocks. The budget cost for the installation of a new fire alarm system is £100,000.

3. Financial Considerations The required funding of £100,000 can be met from a combination of savings in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme, which currently total approximately £175,000, together with a contribution from the School.

It is proposed that a sum of £85,547 be allocated from savings in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme.

The School will be required to contribute the equivalent of one year's Devolved Formula Capital allocation (£14,453) in accordance with the Authority's approved policy.

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, property and transport considerations.
5. **Is it necessary for call-in to be waived?** No
6. **Background Papers** These are held in the CAYA Development Section and Property Division's Asset Management Section.
7. **Key Decision** No
8. **Officer Recommendation**
 - 8.1 That approval be granted to a capital allocation of £85,547 from savings in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme to provide a replacement fire alarm system at Hasland Hall Community School.
 - 8.2 That the School's contribution of £14,453 be noted.

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