

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET****16 October 2012****Joint Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults and
the Director of Property****Holbrook Centre for Autism - CAYA Capital Programme 2012/13 –
(Education)****1. Purpose of Report**

To seek approval to the inclusion of an additional project in the CAYA Capital Programme 2012/13.

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 On 12 June 2012 Cabinet approved an initial programme of works to be funded from the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme [Schools Access Initiative (SAI)]. It was resolved at that meeting “That further reports be submitted detailing proposals for the outstanding uncommitted SAI funding for 2012/13, this to include any high priority schemes which may arise in the Authority’s Special schools.”

2.2 A package of urgent maintenance and improvement works has been identified at Holbrook Centre for Autism. This partly relates to condition related items in the main listed building, but also to a need to refurbish the former caretaker’s bungalow which forms part of the school’s post-16 accommodation. This is now being used more intensively as a result of the rise in post-16 student numbers, in addition to the use of off-site accommodation at the Whitemoor Adult Care Centre in Belper where some minor improvements are required to the toilet provision.

2.3 Priorities have been identified in consultation with the Holbrook Centre as follows:

1. Refurbish the bungalow for post-16 teaching	£25,000
2. Re-wire main building inc. suspended ceilings	£257,500
3. Refurbish main entrance/reception area	£20,000
4. Provide additional toilet at the Whitemoor Centre	£2,500

Total	£305,000
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3. **Financial Considerations** At the Cabinet meeting on 12 June 2012 a sum of £791,000 was allocated to projects from the total budget of £1.410m approved for the 2012/13 SAI Capital Programme. The proposed works at the Holbrook Centre for Autism listed in Section 2 above total £305,000. This will leave a balance of £314,000 which will be the subject of further reports.

In accordance with the Authority's approved policy, Holbrook Centre for Autism would normally be asked to contribute one year's Devolved Formula Capital (£5,856) towards the total cost. The Headteacher has asked if this can be retained by the school and utilised to carry out additional refurbishment works in the main school building, especially to the toilet areas, and redecoration works following the rewiring project. In view of the link between these projects it is proposed that the Authority agrees with this request.

4. **Other Considerations** In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime & 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** Information is held on file in the CAYA Development Section files.

7. **Key Decision** No

8. **Officer Recommendations**

- 8.1 That a capital allocation of £305,000 be approved for urgent maintenance and refurbishment works at Holbrook Centre for Autism as listed in the report, as a charge on the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme (Schools Access Initiative).
- 8.2 That further reports be submitted detailing proposals for the outstanding uncommitted SAI capital funding approved for 2012/13.
- 8.3 That the School's DFC contribution be utilised by the School to carry out further refurbishments and re-decoration works following the rewiring project.

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