

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

21 January 2014

Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

**Children & Younger Adults Capital Programme Capital Maintenance
Contingency – (Children and Young People)**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for a list of schemes to be included in the Children & Younger Adults (CAYA) Capital Programme 2013/14 to be funded from the Capital Maintenance Contingency.

2. Information and Analysis

2.1. At the Council meeting on 6 February 2013, the Capital Programme for 2013/14 was approved. The CAYA element of that programme included an allocation of £1m to provide a Capital Maintenance Contingency. The fund was established as a response to the delegation of the previous Planned Maintenance Programme (PMP) to schools. This funding included a contingency to cover unforeseen urgent maintenance problems. The Authority responded to the delegation of the PMP by establishing the Insurance Capital Maintenance Pool (IMP). This scheme allows some pooling of the delegated funding to cover emergencies. The take up of the IMP has been good, with 249 out of 346 primary schools, 19 out of 31 secondary schools and 8 out of 10 special schools opting into the scheme.

2.2. The success of the IMP has resulted in a reduced need for the Capital Maintenance Contingency with a consequence that no allocations have yet been made against this funding. It is now appropriate to release some of this contingency funding to other schemes as outlined below.

2.3. However, in December 2013, the DfE announced funding of £150m nationally to support the provision of free school meals to all infant pupils. The share of this funding to the Authority for the maintained primary schools in the county is £1,761,052. It is proposed that although the works outlined below need to be funded now, they may be recharged when this kitchen funding is allocated depending on the criteria for funding under the free school meals programme, Cabinet could at that stage consider reallocating the funds taken from the Capital Maintenance contingency.

School Kitchen Upgrades

2.4. Over recent years, the Authority has approved a number of schemes to improve school kitchens in response to changing regulations and Environmental Health concerns. The list below includes priority schemes that are awaiting funding. These projects are now considered urgent.

School	Description of the scheme	Reason for proposed works	Budget Cost (including catering equipment)
BRASSINGTON PRIMARY	REFURB	This kitchen is in an out-building adjacent to the school. The interior is generally in poor condition and is in need of full refurbishment. The internal area is very small with the area further restricted by the fitment of sub-standard wooden cupboards and hot water clarifier. The catering equipment is electric and there is a continuing EHO issue with condensation in this kitchen.	£ 50,000
BREADSALL PRIMARY	REFURB	The layout of this kitchen is very confused and it is not functioning effectively for the number of meals produced. Much of the kitchen equipment is not suitable in its current configuration. There are EHO issues regarding substandard ventilation	£ 20,000
LONG LANE PRIMARY	UPGRADE ELECTRIC KITCHEN	The layout of this kitchen is fragmented and needs revising to offer improved servery and associated services. Storage also needs improving.	£ 20,000
GAMESLEY E.E.C.	OVERLAY GRANWOOD BLOCK FLOOR WITH ACRYLICON	The existing flooring is failing in areas of the kitchen. Most of the storage units in the kitchen are wooden and sub-standard and will need to be removed /scrapped to allow the floor to be overlaid.	£ 30,000

GRINDLEFORD PRIMARY	KITCHEN UPGRADE	The layout is small and cramped. It requires improvements and upgrading to make functionality and servery work more efficient and safe.	£ 18,000
DRONFIELD INFANT SCHOOL	OVERLAY GRANWOOD BLOCK FLOOR WITH ACRYLICON	The existing flooring is failing in areas of the kitchen. Most of the storage units in the kitchen are wooden and sub-standard and will need to be removed /scrapped to allow the floor to be overlaid.	£ 12,000
MELBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL	OVERLAY GRANWOOD BLOCK FLOOR WITH ACRYLICON	The existing flooring is failing in areas of the kitchen. Most of the storage units in the kitchen are wooden and sub-standard and will need to be removed /scrapped to allow the floor to be overlaid.	£ 14,000
		Total	£ 164,000

Additional funding for South Wingfield roofing project

2.5. In 2012/13 the Authority approved an allocation of £165,000 to provide a first phase of a roof replacement at South Wingfield Primary School. Work on this scheme has identified significant presence of many different species of bats. Phasing of the works would result in problematic detailing at roof junctions, greater disruption to the operation of the school over a longer period and increased costs as a result of protected species licensing and construction operations. The complex nature of roof design and building type plus the presence of bats lends itself to a single construction phase. As a consequence, it is recommended that it would represent good value for money to allocate an additional £90,000 to this scheme to allow the entire roof to be replaced in one operation.

3. Financial Considerations

£1m is available in the capital programme. The schemes outlined in this paper would, if approved, make a total call of £254,000 on the budget.

4. Legal Considerations

The Council has a duty to ensure that school kitchens meet the requirements of food hygiene legislation.

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

- 6. Background Papers** These are held in the CAYA Development Section and County Property Division files.

- 7. Key Decision** Yes.

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

9. Strategic Director's Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the allocations to the schemes set out in the report.

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