

Agenda Item No: 8(e)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

21 February 2017

Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17 –
ALLOCATIONS – (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)**

1. Purpose of Report

To obtain approval for additional allocations for two projects at The Pingle School.

2. Information and Analysis

The Pingle School received an allocation of £50,000 from the 2016 -17 Capital Programme on 24 May 2016 to enable the initial design work to start on the project to create an Enhanced Resource School facility for children who have Autistic Spectrum Disorder needs. There is a shortage of these places across the county and this scheme is a priority for the Authority. The design work is now completed and a budget estimate from The Director of Property has been received for £190,000. An additional allocation of £140,000 is required.

In 2015/16, the Authority allocated £250,000 to a project at The Pingle School to convert the school's heating system from coal to gas. This project has been complicated by the discovery of an untreated mine shaft in the area affected by the proposed works. Repairs have been carried out to the existing boilers to prevent a failure in the short-term but additional funding is now required to complete the project. The total additional required is £270,000.

3. Financial Considerations

It is proposed to fund these allocations from a fund set aside by Cabinet in January 2016 called the School Capital Investment Programme. This fund was set aside for 'schemes that may require funding during the year'. The total in the programme is £1.7m. These allocations totaling £410,000 will reduce the amount available to £1.29m

4. Social Value Considerations

It is proposed that these works will be delivered by County Property and will not therefore be subject to an external procurement. This approach to project delivery has taken into account the Authority's Social Value Strategy. The choice of County Property to deliver these projects reflects the strong social value that it presents. County Property is developing its social value reporting but the benefits include contributions to Outcome 1 (strong local economy) and Outcome 2 (a skilled and confident workforce). Particular values in these areas relate to: workforce development through apprenticeships, payment of the living wage and spend with suppliers within the local economy. The social value created by this and other projects delivered by County Property will be reported separately to Cabinet.

5. 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.

6. Key Decision No

7. Call In

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in the report? No

8. Background Papers

These are held on file in the Children's Services Development Section.

9. Officer Recommendation

That an additional allocation of £140,000 be made to the scheme to provide ASD places at The Pingle School to make the total funds available £190,000, and;

That an additional allocation of £270,000 be made to the scheme to convert the heating system at The Pingle School from coal to gas to make the total funds available £520,000.

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