

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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

**CAYA Capital Programme 2012/13 – Additional Structural Works at the
William Allitt School – (Education)**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to supplementary funding for a project in the CAYA Capital Programme.

- 2. Information and Analysis** On 26 September 2012 Cabinet approved a project to follow on from an earlier approved scheme to replace windows and undertake structural strengthening works to the main building at William Allitt Primary School, Swadlincote. The new project was to replace windows in the gymnasium at a cost of approximately £106,000 funded jointly by the Authority and the School via an allocation from the Joint Funding Initiative for Schools. Work is still underway and a serious structural defect has been uncovered.

A brick gable end wall to the gymnasium is not tied into the main building structure due to existing wall tie failure and lack of lateral restraint which has, as a consequence, caused a significant lean and the wall is therefore in danger of collapse. The construction of the wall is such that this was not identified until the removal of the existing vertical cladding boards revealed a gap extending from 10mm to 40mm on both gable end walls which will now be remedied as part of the additional works. The total additional cost of this work is £49,632.

- 3. Financial Considerations** There are currently savings in the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme (Capital Maintenance Projects) of £114,000 due to favourable tender returns. It is proposed to fund the urgent additional works at the William Allitt School from that budget.
- 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 required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report?** No

6. **Background Papers** Information is held on file in the CAYA Development Section files.

7. **Key Decision?** No

8. **Officer Recommendations**

That a supplementary allocation of £49,632 be approved from the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme to fund additional urgent structural works at the William Allitt School.

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