

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**22 September 2015**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT EVERGREEN  
CHILDREN'S HOME, ILKESTON & SPIRE LODGE  
CHILDREN'S HOME, CHESTERFIELD – (Children and Young People)**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To request approval to place two orders for capital improvement works at Evergreen Children's Home, Ilkeston and Spire Lodge Children's Home, Chesterfield.

**2. Information and Analysis**

An OFSTED inspection in November 2014 at Evergreen Children's Home, Ilkeston, provided a requirement for the following building improvements to the home: covering over the facing brick work on the ground floor; electrical fittings upgrade to the ground floor living areas; re-modelling of the first floor bedroom wing to create bigger bedrooms and external works to relay and extend the path surrounding the home and the installation of new fencing.

A tender price has been received from the Director of Property for £122,744.

The annual property review held at Spire Lodge Children's Home, Chesterfield in October 2014 identified the need for the re-modelling of two adjoining bathrooms in Blue Wing into one bigger bathroom that will better accommodate the needs of the disabled children who use the service.

A tender price has been received from the Director of Property for £47,500.

**3. Financial Considerations**

These works are to be a charge on the CAYA Capital Programme 2015-16 Children's Homes capital, of which there is £46,854 remaining from £100,000 allocated and a charge of £123,390 on the £1.2 million capital allocated in 2010 (Council, 3 February 2010) to a replacement for Linden House Children's Home in Swadlincote.

**4. Other Considerations**

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

**5. Background Papers**

Papers are held on file in the Children and Younger Adults, Development Section.

**6. Key Decision** No

**7. Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived?** No

**8. Officer Recommendation**

That approval be given to the placing of an order to Corporate Property to the value of £122,744 for capital improvements at Evergreen Children's Home, Ilkeston, and another order to the value of £47,500 to Corporate Property for capital improvements at Spire Lodge Children's Home Chesterfield.

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