

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET****24 April 2012****Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults****Capital Funding for Cotmanhay Children's Centre – (Education)**

1. **Purpose of Report** To request capital funding for improvements to Cotmanhay Children's Centre.
2. **Information and Analysis** On 26 September 2011, the Cabinet Member for Education declared the property at 49-51 Dovedale Circle, Cotmanhay surplus and agreed that it should be sold and the proceeds would contribute to the Authority's Capital Programme.

At the time of the report, the Elected Member for Cotmanhay requested a financial gesture be made to re-invest in the community as an acknowledgement of DCC's commitment to local young people. Following consultation, it was agreed that improvements to the children's centre would be most beneficial. Schemes to provide a shaded outdoor area and an improved disabled access to the main entrance have been drawn up at a cost of £12,000.

3. **Financial Considerations** The sale of the property at Dovedale Circle is anticipated to generate an income of £100,000 which would contribute to the Authority's resources to fund the Capital Programme. The funding of the new project would come from that capital funding.
4. **Property Considerations** Cotmanhay Children's Centre is owned by Derbyshire County Council. All works would be procured and managed by the Authority.
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 and transport considerations.
6. **Call-in** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No
7. **Background Papers** None

8. **Key Decision** No.

9. **Officer Recommendation:-**

8.1 That the project at Cotmanhay Children's Centre be approved at a cost of £12,000 and be funded using capital receipts from the sale of the property at Dovedale Circle.

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