

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

24 April 2012

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

**Friesland School – Proposed Remodelling of Surplus Spaces in Sandiacre
Friesland Sports Centre – (Education)**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to the inclusion of an additional project in the Children and Younger Adults (CAYA) Capital Programme.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1.** Friesland School shares its site with the Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre which is operated via a Joint Management agreement with Erewash Borough Council. The School and the Sports Centre each have dedicated spaces within the building and other spaces are shared by agreement.
- 2.2.** The Sports Centre has some surplus squash courts and a function room with a bar area which is rarely used and discussions have been taking place between the Headteacher, School Governors and Leisure Centre Management with a view to these spaces being remodelled to provide additional accommodation for the School, particularly to enable Extended Services to be provided to the local community.
- 2.3.** The proposed scheme would convert two squash courts into four large classrooms via the installation of mezzanine floors – two on the ground floor and two above. Windows would need to be installed together with new lighting, heating, networking etc. The second part of the scheme would convert the function room and bar area into a conference facility by stripping out the bar area together with relighting and minor remodelling.
- 2.4.** The School's overall rationale for this proposed development is to ensure that they meet the needs of the local community by giving full access to extended services. In doing so they are seeking to address key priority areas such as healthy lifestyles, reducing

obesity, stopping excessive drinking, reducing all bullying, reduce offending and anti-social behaviour through positive activities, hence reducing exclusions from schools. Use of the building in out-of-school hours and during the holiday would enable integrated youth and community services to be centralised in an already familiar location. With regard to the school's curriculum priorities the additional rooms would relieve some of the pressures on teaching space and allow for the expansion of Level 2 and Level 1 provision in preparation for RPA (Raising Participation Age) in 2013 and 2015.

- 2.5. The additional classroom accommodation in the Sports Centre would allow some general classrooms in the main school building to be converted into a Science laboratory and a Technology area. This part of the project would be managed and funded separately by the School at a cost of approximately £80,000.

3. **Financial Considerations** The estimated cost of the Sports Centre project is as follows:-

• Creation of 4 classrooms from squash courts	£250,000
• Creation of conference facility	<u>£ 40,000</u>
Total	£290,000

The School has confirmed that it can contribute £20,000 towards the Sports Centre project in addition to funding the associated £80,000 remodelling project in the main school building. The remaining funding of £270,000 can be met from the budget of £2.513m approved by Cabinet in December 2009 to support the co-location of services.

The income stream generated will be for the benefit of the School.

4. **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.
5. **Background Papers** These are held in the CAYA Development Section and County Property Division files.
6. **Key Decision** No.
7. **Call-in to be waived?** No

8. Strategic Directors' Recommendations

- 8.1** That Cabinet approves an allocation of £270,000 from the budget approved to support the co-location of services to carry out a remodelling project at Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre as detailed in the Report.
- 8.2** That the project be incorporated in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme at a total budget cost of £290,000.
- 8.3** That the School's contribution of £20,000 be noted.

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