

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**24 July 2012**

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

**Charlesworth Voluntary Controlled Primary School – Drainage Problem –  
(Education)**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To seek approval to a capital allocation to address a significant drainage issue at Charlesworth Voluntary Controlled Primary School.

**2. Information and Analysis**

Charlesworth Voluntary Controlled Primary School is a split-site establishment. The upper site has an outside play area comprising a tarmac playground bordered by a limited area of grass. There is a natural spring above the school site and the drainage is so poor that the grassed area is unusable for most of the year. The mud surrounding the tarmac play area creates significant difficulties as it gets carried into the school.

Specialist contractors have provided quotations for installing 350 sq m of artificial grass on appropriate base layers covering four critical areas which would solve the problem of mud ingress and create an all year round functional play area.

**3. Financial Considerations** A capital allocation of £12,100 is required to undertake this project. The School is able to contribute £1,100 towards the project costs. A contribution of £11,000 can be made from savings in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme.

The school will be responsible for the ongoing future maintenance of the artificial grass surface.

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

**5. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period ? No**

**6. Background Papers None**

7. **Key Decision** No

8. **Officer Recommendation** That approval be granted to a contribution of £11,000 towards the cost of creating an artificial grass play area to address significant drainage issues at Charlesworth CE Primary school as a charge on savings in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme.

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