

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

24 July 2012

Report of the Director of Property

FIRE PRECAUTION WORKS

1. Purpose of the Report

Approval is sought to allocate £575,300 from the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Fire Precaution Capital allocations to address fire precaution improvement works identified by Fire Risk Assessments.

2. Information and Analysis

Under The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 the Authority is required to undertake Fire Risk Assessments on its building stock. These consist of an Operational and Technical Assessment (Operational assessments are undertaken by establishment managers).

The Technical Assessment is of the fabric of a building taking into account such items as means of escape, compartmentation, warning systems and equipment etc. These assessments identify works required to the fabric and include both maintenance and improvement, to protect the integrity of the Fire precautions on site.

The assessments have identified the need for funding to address essential fire precautions. Capital funding of £600,000 for 2011-12 and £300,000 for 2012/13 has been approved to address fire precaution works and professional fees. Expenditure of £302,000 was previously approved at CABCO Finance and Management on 30 December 2011 by the Cabinet Member. The following sites have been identified as the next priorities:

Dronfield Junior School	£25,000
Blackwell Primary School	£55,000
Marlpool Junior School	£11,000
Somercotes Primary	£20,000
The Grange Primary	£80,000
Pingle School	£75,000
Holly House School	£100,000
Granby Junior School	£57,000
County Hall	£100,000
Professional Fees	£52,300
Total:	£575,300

3. Financial Considerations

Capital funding of £600,000 has been approved for 2011-12 and £300,000 for 2012-13 for fire precaution work. £302,000 has already been identified against the 2011-12 allocation leaving a budget of £598,000 available.

4. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, and transport considerations.

5. Key Decision **NO**

6. Call-in **NO**

7. Officer Recommendation

That approval be given to £575,300 being allocated from the 2011-12 and 2012-13 Fire Precaution Capital allocations to address the fire precaution improvement works identified in this report.

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