

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**26 March 2013**

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

**Tibshelf Community School – IT Infrastructure for New School –  
(Education)**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To seek approval to allocate funding from the 2009/10 Capital Programme (Co-location Budget), to provide a new IT infrastructure at the new Tibshelf Community School.

**2. Information and Analysis**

- 2.1. Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 11 October 2011 to provide funding to provide a replacement for Tibshelf Community School. The scheme addressed split-site and overcrowding issues at the school following the cancellation of the previous BSF project.
- 2.2. This project has an overall budget of £14.9m and is progressing well towards completion in the Autumn, 2013. This project includes for the main wiring infrastructure to support the IT network but does not include active IT equipment.
- 2.3. An assessment has been made of the school's existing IT infrastructure and has found that it is old and unreliable and would not form the sound basis of an infrastructure for the new school.
- 2.4. A design for a new, up-to-date IT infrastructure has been developed by the school, external advisors and guided by DCC IT professionals with experience of school IT networks. This design is judged to be the minimum capable of providing a good IT service within the school.

**3. Financial Considerations**

- 3.1. The total funding required is £750,000. The School is able to make a contribution of £65,000. The balance of funding, £685,000, can be met from savings in the 2009/10 CAYA Capital Programme (Co-location Budget). A second report being considered at this meeting will, if approved, allocate the remaining savings from this capital budget to a project at Richardson Endowed School.

- 3.2. The school has procured the IT provider in competition, following Financial Regulations and with the support of officers from the Authority. The selected company is Stone Computers Ltd from Stafford.
4. **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, property and transport considerations.
5. **Is it necessary for call-in to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in this report?**  
No
6. **Background Papers**  
These are held in the CAYA Development Section.
7. **Key Decision** Yes
8. **Strategic Director's Recommendations** That Cabinet approves funding of £685,000 for a new IT system at the replacement Tibshelf Community School, to be funded from savings in the 2009/10 CAYA Capital Programme as detailed in the report.

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