

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

**CAYA Capital Programme - 'Joint Funding' Initiative for Schools –
(Education)**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to an initial schedule of joint-funded proposals submitted by schools as a charge on the budget approved in the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme.

2. Information and Analysis

Due to the 80% reduction in Devolved Formula Capital Grant (DFC) in 2011-12 many schools are now unable to undertake as many capital self-funded improvement priority schemes as they have in previous years.

On 1 February 2012, as part of the 2012-13 CAYA Capital Programme, Council agreed to allocate £2.5m to a 'Joint Funding' Initiative whereby with an equal contribution from schools, a total budget of £5m would be available to address condition related priorities in schools.

All schools have been advised of the scheme via the Extranet and a number of proposals have been submitted by schools for consideration, most of which require further input from surveyors or architects. Corporate Resources officers will undertake outline feasibility studies for suitable projects before developing designs and specifications for those projects which appear to be feasible and affordable. On receipt of firm estimates or quotations further reports will be brought to Cabinet. This report brings forward an initial list of projects which have already been priced.

It is anticipated that most proposals from schools will also aim to address 'suitability issues' as well as addressing condition related problems (e.g. a toilet refurbishment project). It is not anticipated that the scheme will be 'oversubscribed' but if bids need to be prioritised it is proposed that schemes which address the most urgent condition related issues will be given the highest priority.

The following projects are submitted for approval:-

School	Project	Total cost	LA Contribution
Belper Long Row Primary	Toilet Refurbishments	£15,500	£7,750
Brigg Infant, South Normanton	Re-roofing and window alterations	£12,300	£6,150
Burbage Primary, Buxton	Toilet refurbishments	£38,000	£19,000
Gilbert Heathcote Nursery & Infant	Toilet refurbishments	£75,000	£37,500
Grassmoor Primary	Toilet refurbishments	£45,500	£22,750
Grindleford Primary	Toilet refurbishments	£28,800	£14,400
Longmoor Primary, Long Eaton	Toilet refurbishments & facia replacements	£21,000	£10,500
Old Hall Junior, Chesterfield	Toilet refurbishments	£48,300	£24,150
	Totals	£284,400	£142,200

3. **Financial Considerations** 50% funding for the projects will come from the budget of £2.5m approved in the 2012-13 CAYA Capital Programme; the matched funding will come from the schools' own resources.
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. **Call-in to be waived?** No
6. **Background Papers** None
7. **Key Decision** Yes
8. **Officer Recommendation** That approval be granted to the initial list of joint-funded projects as detailed in the report, with funding being split equally between the schools and the Authority, thus resulting in a charge of £142,200 against the approved allocation of £2.5m in the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme.

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