

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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**Joint Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults and the
Director of Property
Dallimore Primary School – Replacement of Classroom Block (Education)**

1. **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to a capital allocation to replace a life-expired six-classroom block at Dallimore Primary School, Kirk Hallam.
2. **Information and Analysis**
 - 2.1. As a result of a recent structural survey, major decay has been identified in the structural columns of a large wooden-framed teaching block at Dallimore Primary School.
 - 2.2. This system-built flat-roofed school building dates from the 1950's. It currently houses all the Key Stage 1 classes and one Key Stage 2 class. The wooden-framed windows and areas of wooden cladding have deteriorated in recent years, but more critically, the wooden structural columns have rotted to the extent that emergency propping has been installed as a temporary solution to keep the building in a safe condition for ongoing use. The building is life-expired and there is no alternative but to build a replacement classroom block as soon as possible.
 - 2.3. The school has two blocks of accommodation. The other main building containing the hall, administration wing, library, staffroom and most Key Stage 2 accommodation also requires some repair works which are likely to be funded via the 2012/13 Capital Programme. In due course that block will also require replacement, so the project now being proposed for approval will be designed as the first phase of a replacement school building. The replacement building will need to be built on the site of the 'condemned' classroom block, so some temporary classroom accommodation will need to be hired for the duration of the building works.
 - 2.4. The project will also replace a very old temporary building situated next to the current block as this is also nearing the end of its life and would require substantial short-term repairs were it to be retained. A feasibility study has been undertaken and a sketch design for a

replacement building has been agreed with the School. The budget cost for the new building including all external works, furniture & equipment, fees and temporary classroom hire is £1.95m.

3. **Financial Considerations**

Funding totalling £768,000 can be met from unallocated contingencies and savings in previous CAYA Capital Programmes as follows:-

2008/09 Capital Programme (Modernisation) Savings	£ 97,000
2009/10 Capital Programme (Modernisation) Contingency	£148,000
2009/10 Capital Programme (Modernisation) Savings	£172,000
2010/11 Capital Programme (Modernisation) Contingency	<u>£351,000</u>
Total	£768,000

The balance of funding required can be met from an unallocated contingency sum of £1.182m which remains available in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme. This contingency, originally totalling £5.482m, has been used throughout the year to address unforeseen needs such as this project.

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. **Call-in to be waived?** No
7. **Key Decision** Yes
8. **Strategic Directors' Recommendations** That Cabinet approves a capital allocation of £1.95m for the replacement of a life-expired teaching block at Dallimore Primary School, to be funded as detailed in the report:-
 - £768,000 from savings and unallocated contingencies in recent years' CAYA Capital Programmes, and
 - £1.182m from the unallocated contingency sum remaining in the 2011/12 CAYA Capital Programme.

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