

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**6 November 2012**

**Report of the Director of Finance**

**RISK MANAGEMENT SECURITY PROJECTS - HENRY BRADLEY  
NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL, BRIMINGTON  
(EDUCATION/FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT)**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

To seek the approval of Cabinet to a proposed risk management project at Henry Bradley Nursery and Infant School, Brimington.

**2 Information and Analysis**

**Background Information**

Derbyshire County Council has provided funding assistance for risk management schemes in schools since at least 1995.

The purpose of these fencing schemes is to:

- Protect the safety of the pupils, visitors and employees
- Protect assets from
  - Vandalism Damage
  - Arson
  - Theft – particularly of IT equipment

Funding support is only recommended when it is established by the Risk and Insurance Manager and the Property Risk Manager that there is a need for the project based upon:

1. Request by the establishment including details of any problems experienced which are not insurance-claim related.
2. Review of the annual Risk Assessment Questionnaires. These focus on the existing physical security, layout of the site e.g. Concealed courtyards, flat roofs etc., locality crime and housekeeping at an establishment along with a rating of the level of incidents experienced. Each question is scored and a total ranking determined for each establishment. Generally scores over 100 in relation to Nursery and Infant Schools would signify

the higher risks that warrant consideration of support. However, as questionnaires are self-populated by establishments, a certain amount of subjectivity exists so validation by the Property Risk Manager is required.

3. Experience of any existing on-going problems or any anticipated problems.
4. The location of the establishment.
5. Site visit by the Property Risk Manager to verify the contents of the annual Risk Assessment and validate the necessity and anticipated benefit.

## **The Risk**

This report relates to a project proposed at Henry Bradley Nursery and Infant School, Brimington.

The pedestrian entrance to the school is shared with access to the school car park.

Although there is a pedestrian gate next to the vehicular entrance, once through the gate pedestrians have to cut across the vehicular driveway as no separate footpath exists.

School risk assessments have identified the driveway as an issue for pedestrians generally, but children in particular.

## **Proposed Solution**

The proposed solution is to install a footpath and a 1.2m fence separating pedestrians from traffic.

The plan of the proposed fencing is shown in Appendix 1.

## **Alternatives**

The Site is carefully managed in terms of access and during school sessions all gates are locked. However, the time when children are most vulnerable as pedestrians is at the start and end of the school day.

Many letters have been issued asking parents to keep children by their side and not to allow them free roam of the car park. Staff patrol where possible but cannot practically cover all areas nor patrol all the time. However, these measures have not resolved the issue.

The fencing solution is considered to be the best solution by the Property Risk Manager and the relevant County Property Division surveyor who have visited the site. Following consultation, the

proposed solution is supported by the School Governors, staff and parents/carers.

### **Security Risk Assessment**

This school has a relatively low score on the Risk Management security ranking because the majority of the assessment relates to premises security rather than safeguarding people.

### **Safeguarding**

The proposed solution will help the school to manage safeguarding issues that might be considered by Ofsted.

## **3 Financial Considerations**

The quoted cost of providing the outlined solution is £11,015.

The project is proposed to be financed 75% from the Council's Risk Management Capital Budget and 25% directly by the school out of its Devolved Formula Capital money.

## **4 Legal Considerations**

The County Council has a duty of care to provide a safe environment for staff, pupils and visitors.

## **5 Human Resources and Health Considerations**

Completing these projects will show the Council's continued commitment to safeguarding personal safety, in protecting staff, pupils and visitors. It will help to protect the Council's assets from vandalism, theft and arson, which can be costly and cause significant disruption to services.

## **6 Other Considerations**

The relevance of the other following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, property and transport considerations.

## **7 Key Decision**

No

**8 Call-in**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

**9 Background Papers**

Held in the Risk and Insurance Section.

**10 OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Cabinet approves funding of 75% of the project cost from the Risk Management Capital Budget, the balance would be met by the School.

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**APPENDIX 1** – Positioning of proposed fencing – Henry Bradley Nursery and Infant School

