

## **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**8 November 2018**

#### **Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services**

#### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19 – FURTHER ALLOCATIONS AND REFUNDS – (YOUNG PEOPLE)**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

To approve allocations to individual projects from the Children's Services Capital Programme 2018-19.

##### **2. Information and Analysis**

On 20 September 2018, Cabinet approved further allocations and refunds to the Children's Services Capital Programme 2018-19 which left an unallocated balance of £4,315,212.

On 24 September, the Strategic Director for Children's Services gave approval under delegated powers to further allocations on two separate reports from the 2018-19 Children's Services Capital Programme. Firstly, for the addition of sprinklers to two new primary schools totaling £89,000 at Hilton (The George Spencer Academy) and at Chellaston Fields. Secondly, two allocations from the Healthy Pupil Capital Fund (HPCF) totaling £208,000 to projects at Hasland Junior School and Furness Vale Primary School. On 1 October, the Strategic Director for Children's Services gave approval under delegated powers to a further allocation from the HPCF - £66,000 for Heage Primary School. These allocations in the three reports totaling £363,000 will leave an unallocated balance of £3,952,212. (The total balance includes the HPCF with the new balance now being £502,839. i.e. £776,839 - £274,000).

**Linden House Children's Home**, Church Street, Swadlincote. On 3 February 2010, approval of £1,200,000 for a replacement home was approved in a D.C.C. Council Meeting (Capital Starts Programme). Since then, there has been detailed work on a major remodeling and refurbishment project which resulted in some minor refurbishment works

and there have also been several attempts to purchase a different property to move the home to which also have not come to fruition and did not incur a cost to the capital budget.

In 2016 the estimated costs of the most recent major remodeling & refurbishing works were coming close to that of a complete new build which triggered a change of strategy to do so. However, the new build scheme encountered problems with planning over the building's heritage status and location in a conservation area. A compromise was reached which saw the main body of the house to be retained with a later rear extension to be demolished and replaced with new accommodation. This has required the additional funding of £200,000 (Cabinet 20.07.2017) and £400,000 (Cabinet 26.07.2018). This gives a total approved funding of £1,800,000. There have been works & fees of £123,390 carried out on other children's homes charged to this, leaving a total current budget of £1,676,610. A recent decision to add sprinklers into the building will mean that a further £160,000 is required for the sprinkler system, tank, tank housing, water supplies, trenching and fees.

**St John's C of E Primary School.** On 20 July 2017, Cabinet approved funding of £1,225,000 for a 3-classroom block as part of a phased development of the school to become a 3 form entry school. The budget was reported at the initial feasibility stage and since then, the detailed design has taken place. The building now includes a steel frame and a low pitch roof, and piling is required for the foundation. The revised price based on the tender is £1,488,934 and therefore requires approval of a further £264,000.

**Earl Sterndale CE VC Primary School.** On 29 March 2011, Cabinet approved £110,000 for a replacement kitchen as it was a building at risk. As the scheme was developed, it was decided to link it to the existing building and take the opportunity to include a group room in that link. Cabinet approved a further £200,000 on 3 April 2012 and £140,000 on 24 March 2015. In order for the replacement building to be linked to the existing building, the installation required a substantial foundation dig / excavation and extensive retaining wall to hold back the adjacent road. As a result, the costs have risen and additional funding of £240,000 is required.

**Christ Church C Of E Primary.** For this academic year, the number of children wanting a place at this school has exceeded the number of available places including the number available in the wider school place planning area of Ashgate/Brampton/Stonegravels. The five-year pupil projections show a continuing increase in numbers not including any additional places required due to housing developments and therefore there is a Basic Need requirement for additional places.

A scheme has been drawn up by Derby Diocese which would provide an additional classroom and group room in an extension to the main building. This was costed at £294,500 in April 2018. A historical S106 contribution of £92,638.50 has been claimed from Chesterfield Borough Council which can be used towards the project. Therefore, a capital allocation of £201,862 is requested to allow the Diocese to deliver the scheme.

**St Oswald's CofE Primary School.** Top up funding of £511,302 is required to add to the £975,000 previously approved for a two classroom project and £320,000 for a new playground. Due to the sensitivities and complexities of working on the site, the total funding will allow an additional classroom (giving three in total) and the new playground to be constructed at the same time.

The following table summarises the allocations to projects.

<b>Facility</b>	<b>- Or +</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>£3,952,212.</b>
Linden House Children's Home	-	160,000	
St John's C of E Primary School	-	264,000	
Earl Sterndale CE VC Primary School	-	240,000	
Christ Church C of E Primary School	-	201,862	
St Oswald's CofE Primary School	-	511,302	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,377,164</b>	<b>2,575,048</b>

The balance left for further allocations is £2,575,048.

### **3. Financial Considerations**

Where appropriate, it may be necessary to undertake a procurement exercise to commission services in order to undertake works associated with these schemes / budgets, and this report also seeks approval to commence this process. It should be noted that these procurement exercises would normally take the form of a competitive tender process, but should it be decided that using a Framework is the best option, a separate report will be submitted seeking approval for this.

### **4. Social Value Considerations**

This funding is to improve the condition of, and to ensure that there is sufficient capacity at, all of the schools involved. The schools will have the option to deliver the projects themselves under their own financial

regulations. Where the projects are delivered by County Property, this will be done under its usual procedures.

**5. 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.

**6. Key Decision**      Yes

**7. Call-in**

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in the report? No

**8. Background Papers**

These are held on file in the Children's Services Development Section.

**9. Officer Recommendation**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

Approve the allocations to individual projects from the Children's Services 2018-19 Capital Programme.

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