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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

7 October 2021

Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

**Children's Services Capital Programme 2020-21 – Further Allocations
Children's Services - Education**

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 Belper and Ashbourne

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is a key decision as it effects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more divisions/county electoral areas.

3. Purpose

3.1 To approve further allocations from the Children's Services School Condition Allocation 2020-21 to individual projects.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 A report for consideration by Cabinet on 9 September 2021 is currently on circulation. The report confirms a balance of **£6,197,756** from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation, **£2,690,271** from the 2021-22 School Condition Allocation and an overall unallocated balance of **£10,895,373**. The overall unallocated balance represents unallocated funds from the current 2020-21 and 2021-22 Children's Services Capital budgets together with unallocated funds from previous years.

4.2 On 30 July 2020 Cabinet approved an allocation of £70,000 to renew a defective floor structure at Mapperley Primary School. The Scheme has

been cancelled and the £70,000 returned the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation.

- 4.3 This paper seeks further approvals from the Children's Services Capital Programme 2020-21 totalling £499,000. The details of the allocations are detailed in Appendix 2. If the allocations are approved the balance of the Childrens Services Capital budget will be as set out in the financial implications in Appendix 1.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Not applicable

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 The School Condition Allocation is an annual allocation of school condition capital from the DfE. This capital grant is to improve and maintain the condition of the school estate (buildings and grounds). The grant allocation is determined by the DfE and takes into account the information collected through the Property Data Survey programme.

The funding is to ensure there is sufficient capacity at all the schools involved and that the accommodation is suitable to support the delivery of education.

The School Condition Allocation must be spent in accordance with the terms of the grant to improve and maintain the condition of the school estate and cannot be used for any alternative purposes.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

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

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1- Implications.
Appendix 2- Allocations

10. Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet Member for Young People:

a) Notes the cancellation of the flooring scheme at Mapperley CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School.

b) Approves the allocation of £475,000 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation for the schemes detailed in Appendix 2 of this report.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

11.1 The approval of the allocations will address the most pressing maintenance issues in schools to ensure the school estate is maintained to a high level and there is sufficient capacity at schools in the County.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

12.1 No

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This report has been approved by the following officers:

<p>On behalf of: Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Director of Finance and ICT Managing Executive Director Executive Director(s)</p>	
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Implications**Financial**

- 1.1 The financial considerations are as explained in section 4 of the report with details of the allocations set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.2 If the allocations set out in Appendix 2 are approved from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation the unallocated balance of the Children's Services Capital budget will be as detailed in the table below:

Year	Type of Funding	Opening Balance £	Funding Returned	Allocations in this Report	Balance £
Pre 2020-21	*Basic Need & School Condition	2,007,346			2,007,346
2020-21	School Condition	6,197,756	70,000	475,000	5,792,756
2021-22	School Condition	2,690,271			2,690,271
Total		£10,895,373	70,000	499,000	10,490,373

* Work is in hand to provide a full breakdown of funds by years and this will be reported to Cabinet at a future date.

- 1.3 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.

Legal

2.1 The funding allocations are made in accordance with the local authority's financial regulations.

The LA has a duty to secure efficient primary and secondary education and further education to meet the needs of the population of their area under sections 13 and 13A of the Education Act 1996.

Human Resources

3.1 None

Information Technology

4.1 None

Equalities Impact

5.1 No impact

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Not applicable

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 To maintain the safe condition of the school estate.

Appendix 2

Allocations

School	Scheme	Amount £
St John's C of E Primary School & Nursery (Belper)	Expansion project – a three classroom extension has already been completed at the school as part of phased project to increase the School's capacity from 490 to 560. On 11 July 2019 Cabinet approved £50k to begin design work on phase 2 - internal remodelling. The design is now complete and section 1 of the scheme has been costed at £475k. There is a Section 106 agreement for £125,389 agreed which, when received, will reimburse the Capital Programme. £425k is required to progress the scheme.	425,000
Brailsford CE Controlled Primary School	1 classroom extension – to increase the School's capacity from 119 to 140 to meet the projected increased demand for places in the area. This initial funding is to begin design work whilst numbers in the area are monitored to ensure there will be no negative impact on neighbouring schools.	50,000
	Total from the 2020-21 SCA	475,000