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CABINET

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Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services

Children's Services Capital Budget 2020-21 - Further Allocations
(Cabinet Member for Education)

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County wide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is key decision because it will result in the Council incurring expenditure totalling £2,484,082 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation and it affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more divisions/county electoral areas.

3. Purpose

3.1 To approve allocations from the Children's Services Capital Budget 2020-21.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 As reported to the Cabinet Member for Young People on 5 October 2021 there is a balance of £2,007,346 from Basic Need and School Condition Allocation pre 2020-21, £5,792,756 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation and £2,690,271 from the 2021-22 School Condition Allocation. Giving an overall unallocated balance of **£10,490,373**.

Approvals made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services and the Children's Services Head of Development for allocations from the Children's Services Capital budget are set out in Appendix 2. The allocations total £1,313,884 from 2020-21 School Condition leaving a balance of £4,478,872 and £2,007,346 from Basic Need and School Condition Allocation pre 2020-21 and £2,690,271 from the 2021-22 School Condition Allocation. Giving an overall unallocated balance of **£9,176,489**.

- 4.2 Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) contributions totalling £57,627 from the 2021-22 programme of works have been received from schools towards approved school condition schemes.
- 4.3 Cabinet approved the allocation of £2,216,431 Section 106 monies and Basic Need funding (subject to repayment) to a scheme at Chellaston Academy. The scheme was to improve the facilities at the school and support an increase in capacity by 300 as previously agreed with the Trust. The project provided a new sports hall and associated multi use teaching areas. The School has been re-brokered and QEGSMAT has now taken over the Academy. The new Trust wants to take a different approach by using the funding to reconfigure the existing spaces and to undertake a smaller extension. The end result will achieve the same increase in capacity as the previous scheme and there will be no change to the funding.
- 4.4 Further allocations for consideration are set out in Appendix 3. With the return of the funding from the cancelled scheme and the DFC contributions, if the allocations set out in Appendix 3 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 Appendix 1 – Financial Implications.
- 4.5 Capital projects are commissioned through County Property. At the end of the projects there are often savings against the original budget which can be returned to the current working balance, once all the projects for the respective financial year have been closed. Savings from 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 were reported to Cabinet on 9 September 2021. It is proposed to use the savings which are now included in the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation balance (as given in Appendix 1) to approve the allocations totalling £2,484,082 detailed in Section 3.

5. Consultation

5.1 Not applicable

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 The School Condition 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 list of allocations has been drawn up to address the most pressing condition related issues at schools. 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 in the Children's Services Development Section.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

9.2 Appendix 2 – Approvals made under delegated powers

9.3 Appendix 3 - Allocations

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

a) Notes the allocations made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services and the Children's Services Head of Development from the Children's Services Capital Budget totalling £1,313,884.

b) Notes the receipt of DFC contributions totalling £57,627 from the 2021-22 programme of works towards approved school condition schemes.

c) Notes the change to the scheme at Chellaston Academy.

d) Approves the allocation of £1,000,000 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation to enhance previously approved heating and roofing modernisation projects in support of the Council's carbon zero initiative.

e) Approves the allocation of £347,082 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation for the partial rebuild scheme at Bramley Vale Primary School.

f) Approve the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to be authorised to execute the appropriate legal documentation for the changes at Chellaston Academy.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

11.1 The reporting of the approvals under delegated powers and the savings as required under financial regulations.

11.2 To address the most pressing maintenance issues in schools to ensure the school estate is maintained to a high level.

11.3 To support the Council's carbon zero initiative.

11.4 To ensure 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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Appendix 1 **Implications**

Financial

- 1.1 The financial considerations are as explained in section 2 of the report with detailed breakdowns of allocations included in Appendices 2&3.
- 1.2 The unallocated balance of the Children's Services Capital budget is as set out 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	4,478,872		2,484,082	1,994,790
2021-22	School Condition	2,690,271	57,627		2,747,898
Total		9,176,489	107,627	2,484,082	6,750,034

The overall unallocated balance represents unallocated funds from the 2020-21 and 2021-22 together with unallocated funds from previous years Capital budgets. 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.
- 2.2 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.

2.3 The Director of Legal and Democratic Services will advise in relation to the legal documentation for the changes at Chellaston Academy.

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.

7.2 To support the Council's ability to meet its ambition of being a net zero carbon organisation.

Appendix 2

Approvals by the Executive Director of Children's Services

School	Scheme	Funding Yr/Type	Approved	Amount £
Brockwell Junior School	Replacement of flat roof coverings & insulation project - phase 2	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	103,500
Burbage Primary School	Replacement of flat roof coverings	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	77,625
Coppice Primary School	Electrical rewire	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	117,707
Copthorne Infant School	Replacement of flat roof coverings & insulation project	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	218,213
Deer Park Primary	Radiator renewal	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	49,508
Grassmoor Primary School	Window & door framing	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	54,338
Hady Primary School	Boiler renewal	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	92,000
Milford Primary School	Water/damp proofing works to Undercroft.	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	172,500
Padfield Community Primary School	Replacement of ramp & steps	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	92,000
Pilsley Primary School (Chesterfield)	Floor replacement	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	71,875
Renishaw Primary School	Toilet renewal	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	60,375

Sharley Park Community Primary School	Roofing works	2020-21 SCA	15/12/21	51,750
Total				1,161,391

Approvals by the Children's Services Head of Development

School	Scheme	Funding Yr/Type	Approved	Amount £
Dronfield Henry Fanshaw School	3 classroom modular block – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	29/09/21	24,000
Rowsley CE Primary School	Roofing scheme – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	29/09/21	7,821
Park Federation	Boiler replacement – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	29/09/21	693
Ashover Primary School	Roofing scheme – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	29/09/21	5,417
Anthony Bek Community Primary School	Electrical rewire – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	25/10/21	6,000
Highfields School	Fire alarm – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	25/10/21	46,000
Holmesdale Infant School	Roofing scheme – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	25/10/21	12,562
Barlborough Primary School	Electrical rewire – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	02/12/21	25,000
Bolsover Infant & Nursery School	Heating scheme – additional funding	2020-21 SCA	02/12/21	25,000
Total				152,493

Total Approvals Under Delegated Powers £1,313,884.

Appendix 3: Proposed Allocations for Approval

Carbon Zero

In support of the council's carbon zero initiative, consideration is being given to improving emissions in schools. In order to do this, it is proposed that **£1,000,000** is ring fenced to support a range of recently approved modernisation projects relating to heating and roofing. The design of those projects will incorporate added energy efficiency and once designed, consideration can be given to the cost of the enhancements and the added value. This information can then be used to inform future projects and identify the future costs to contribute to the carbon zero initiative. The location of the projects and the outcomes will be reported to Cabinet at a later date.

Additional Funding for the Partial Re-build Project at Bramley Vale Primary School

On 21 January 2021, Cabinet approved £5,500,000 for the partial re-build of Bramley Vale Primary School. The original feasibility identified a scheme that allowed for future expansion. It is however a very small, complex site and as the project has developed, it has become clear that it would be more cost-effective to add an additional classroom as part of the main project rather than attempt to add a classroom at a later stage. In addition, it was envisaged that the school would continue to have lunches delivered from another school. The level of deprivation in the area however has resulted in a re-appraisal and it is proposed to include a cooking kitchen in the main project to support the nutrition of the children in the area. As a result of these additions, the budget has increased to £6,425,000 – an increase of £925,000. The original justification for the partial re-build of Bramley Vale was that it was a building at risk and extensive works were needed to keep the building operational. When the bid for funding was submitted, the modernisation projects were placed on hold and there is £500,000 from the modernisation budget available to contribute to the major project. There is also a saving from an earlier completed project of £77,918 which has been transferred to the re-build project. Additional funding of **£347,082** is therefore required to deliver the revised project.

Capital Maintenance Schemes

School	Scheme	Amount £
Harpur Hill Primary School	Window & door framing	362,250
Ladycross Infant School	Replacement of pitched roof coverings & insulation project	517,500
Newhall Community Junior School	Replacement of flat roof coverings & insulation project	257,250
Total		1,137,000