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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION**

**13 February 2023**

**Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services**

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

**1. Divisions Affected**

1.1 County Wide

**2. Key Decision**

2.1 This is a key decision because it will result in the Council incurring expenditure totalling £1,460,645 and affects 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 Capital Budget to individual projects.

**4. Information and Analysis**

4.1 As reported to Cabinet on 8 December 2022 there is an unallocated balance of **£27,616,947** in the Children's Services Capital budget made up of Basic Need and School Condition allocations.

4.2 Approvals made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services and Children's Services Head of Development from

the Children's Services Capital budget are set out in Appendix 2. The allocations total £491,700.

- 4.3 Further allocations for consideration are set out in Appendix 3. If the allocations set out in Appendix 3 are approved the unallocated balance of the Children's Services Capital budget will be as detailed in the Appendix 1 – Financial Implications.

## **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. Basic need is an allocation from the DfE for providing new school places by either expanding existing schools or by establishing or new schools in Derbyshire. The allocation is determined by the DfE based on the data collected in the School Capacity Survey (SCAP).

The list of allocations has been drawn up to address the most pressing condition related issues at schools and to provide places where pupil projections indicate there will be pressure on places in a school place planning area. 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. Similarly, the Basic Need Allocation must be spent in accordance with the terms of the grant to provide new school places.

## **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

9.2 Appendix 2 - Approvals made under delegated powers

9.3 Appendix 3 - Allocations

## **10. Recommendation(s)**

That the Cabinet Member for Education:

- a) Notes the allocations made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services and the Children's Services Head of Development as detailed in Appendix 2.
- b) Approves the allocations to the projects as detailed in Appendix 3.

## **11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

11.1 To inform the Cabinet Member for Education of the approvals made under delegated powers.

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 ensure there is sufficient capacity at schools in the County 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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**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. Appendix 2.
- 1.2 If the allocations set out in Appendix 3 are the unallocated balance of the Children’s Services Capital budget will be as detailed in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Opening Balance £</b>	<b>Funding Received / Returned</b>	<b>Allocations in this Report</b>	<b>Balance £</b>
2015-16	Basic Need & School Condition	303,027			303,027
2016-17	Basic Need & School Condition	341,970			341,970
2017-18	Basic Need & School Condition	266,101			266,101
2018-19	Basic Need & School Condition	295,211			295,211
2019-20	Basic Need & School Condition	336,025			336,025
2020-21	School Condition	45,038			45,038
2021-22	School Condition	0			0
2022-23	School Condition	4,004,690		1,460,645	2,544,045
2023-24 (for schemes to	Basic Need	17,255.972			17,255.972

be delivered by September 2024)					
2024-25 (for schemes to be delivered by September 2025)	Basic Need	4,448,963			4,448,963
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,296,997</b>		<b>1,460,645</b>	<b>25,836,352</b>

1.3 All goods, works and services required to undertake the identified projects in the report will be procured and awarded in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. In-line with the Council's Financial Regulations this report also seeks approval from Cabinet to obtain permission to commence the procurement process. The projects will be considered as included within the Council's Forward Procurement Plan and any subsequent contract award will be in accordance with the Council's Departmental Scheme of Delegation. It should be noted that these procurement exercises will 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 in its 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.

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