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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

Thursday, 21 September 2023

Report of the Executive Director - Children's Services

Children's Services Capital Programme 2023-24 - 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 £2,843,282 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 Programme 2023-24 to individual projects. To note allocations made under delegated powers and the receipt of funds received/returned to the Children's Services Capital Budget.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 As reported to Cabinet on 27 July 2023 there is an unallocated balance of £26,155,013 in the Children's Services Capital budget made up of Basic Need (BN) and School Condition (SCA).

- 4.2 Approvals made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services are set out in Appendix 2.
- 4.3 Funds received/returned to the Children's Services Capital budget as set out in Appendix 3.
- 4.4 Further allocations for consideration are set out in Appendix 4. Additions to the programme and further allocations from the Children's Services Capital Budget will be subject of future reports.

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 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 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 – Funds received/returned

9.4 Appendix 4 – Allocations

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the allocations made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services detailed in Appendix 2.
- b) Notes the receipt of the funds received/returned to the Children's Services Capital budget as detailed in Appendix 3.
- c) Approves the allocation of £2,350,932 from 2023-24 Basic Need and £492,350 from 2023-24 School Condition Allocation to the projects as detailed in Appendix 4.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

11.1 To inform Cabinet of the return/receipt of funds.

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.

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 Appendix 4.
- 1.2 If the allocations set out in Appendix 4 are approved, together with the delegated approvals set out in Appendix 2 and the received/returned funds in Appendix 3, the unallocated balance of the Children's Services Capital budget will be as detailed below:

Year	Type of Funding	Opening Balance £	Delegated Approvals	Funding Received/ Returned	Allocations in this Report	Balance £
2015-16	Basic Need & School Condition	296,442				296,442
2016-17	Basic Need & School Condition	785,662		15,181		800,843
2017-18	Basic Need & School Condition	885,205				885,205
2018-19	Basic Need & School Condition	935,511		17,972		953,483
2019-20	Basic Need & School Condition	367,013				367,013
2020-21	School Condition	65,890				65,890
2021-22	School Condition	101,923				101,923
2022-23	School Condition	124,337		5,043		129,380
2023-24 (for schemes to be delivered by Sept 2024)	Basic Need	13,293,117			2,350,932	10,942,185

2023-24	School Condition	4,275,387	443,650		492,350	3,339,387
2024-25 (for schemes to be delivered by Sept 2025)	Basic Need	4,448,963				4,448,963
2025-25 (for schemes to be delivered by Sept 2026)	Basic Need	575,563				575,563
Total		26,155,013	443,650	38,196	2,843,282	22,906,277

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.

Legal

2.1 The funding allocations are made in accordance with the Local Authority's financial regulations.

2.2 The Local Authority 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.