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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION**

**5 February 2024**

**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 a key decision because it is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more divisions/county electoral areas.

**3. Purpose**

3.1 To approve a further allocation from the Children's Services Capital Programme 2023-24 to the projects detailed in Appendix 4. 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 the Cabinet Member for Education on 11 December 2023 there is an unallocated balance of **£21,624,161** 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 Children's Services Head of Development and the Executive Director of Children's Services from the Children's Services Capital budget 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 On 23 November 2023 Cabinet approved a contribution of £25,573 from 2015-16 BN/SCA towards the S106 proposed expansion of The Curzon CE (Aided) Primary School.
- 4.5 Further allocations for consideration are set out in Appendix 4. If the allocations set out in Appendix 4 is approved the unallocated balance of the Children's Services Capital budget will be as detailed in the Appendix 1 – Financial Implications. 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).

Allocations are made to address the most pressing condition related issues at schools and/or 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**

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 - Funds received/returned

9.4 Appendix 4 - Allocations

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

That the Cabinet Member for Education:

- a) Notes the allocations made under delegated powers by the Children's Services Head of Development and the Executive Director of Children's Services as 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 £206,525 from the 2023-24 School Condition Allocation to the schemes detailed in Appendix 4.

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

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

11.2 To inform the Cabinet Member of the return/receipt of funds.

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

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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**Implications**

**Financial**

- 1.1 The financial considerations are as explained in sections 2,3 and 4 of the report with a detailed breakdown of the allocation included in Appendices 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 in the table below:

Year	Type of Funding	Opening Balance £	Delegated Approvals	Funding Received/ Returned	Allocations in this Report	Balance £
2015-16	Basic Need & School Condition	131,442	25,573 (Cabinet report 23/11/23)			105,869
2016-17	Basic Need & School Condition	800,843				800,843
2017-18	Basic Need & School Condition	885,205		36,134		921,339
2018-19	Basic Need & School Condition	66,226				66,226
2019-20	Basic Need & School Condition	367,013				367,013
2020-21	School Condition	65,890	5,546			60,344
2021-22	School Condition	7,723				7,723
2022-23	School Condition	140,705				140,705
2023-24 (for schemes to be delivered by Sept 2024)	Basic Need	10,942,185				10,942,185

2023-24	School Condition	3,339,387	216,438		206,525	2,916,424
2024-25 (for schemes to be delivered by Sept 2025)	Basic Need	4,448,963				4,448,963
2025-26 (for schemes to be delivered by Sept 2026)	Basic Need	575,563				575,563
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,771,145</b>	<b>247,557</b>	<b>36,134</b>	<b>206,525</b>	<b>21,353,197</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. Where appropriate, it may be necessary to undertake a procurement exercise to commission services. It should be noted that these procurement exercises will normally take the form of a competitive tender process but, on occasions, it may be decided that using a Framework is the best option. Separate reports may be submitted seeking approvals as part of the procurement process.

## 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.

## 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.