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9 SEPTEMBER 2021

Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

**Children's Services Capital Programme 2021-22
Children's Services - 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 £6,977,628 from the 2021-22 School Condition Allocation.

3. Purpose

3.1 To approve the Children's Services Capital Programme 2021-22 and allocations to individual projects.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 **School Condition Allocation** - On 27 April 2021, the DfE announced School Condition Allocations for 2021-22 which includes £10,635,904 for the Authority to allocate to projects in the schools for which it is responsible for capital funding.

Basic Need Allocation – On 15 April 2020, the DfE announced that no new Basic Need funding was to be allocated for Derbyshire for 2021-22 for places needed by September 2022. On 25 February 2021 the DfE

confirmed that Derbyshire would also receive no Basic Need funding for 2022-23 for places needed by September 2023.

- 4.2 As reported in the Cabinet paper of 11 March 2021 (minute number 59/21) there is unallocated balance of **£5,864,100** from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation and an overall unallocated balance of **£7,871,446**. The balance represents unallocated funds from the current 2020-21 Children's Services Capital budget together with unallocated funds from previous years Capital budgets.
- 4.3 Approvals made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services and Children's Services Head of Development for allocations from the Children's Services Capital budget are set out in Appendix 2. The allocations total £3,765,207 from 2020-21 School Condition leaving a balance of **£2,098,893** from the 2020-21 School Condition allocation and an overall unallocated balance of **£4,106,239**.
- 4.4 A separate Cabinet report, also for consideration on 9 September 2021, for an allocation of £80,379 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation for an expansion project at John Port Spencer Academy. If approved, this will leave a balance of **£2,018,514** from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation and an overall unallocated balance of **£4,025,860**.
- 4.5 A further separate Cabinet report, also for consideration on 9 September 2021, for further allocations totalling £498,061 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation for Section 106 allocations/projects. If approved, this will leave a balance of **£1,520,453** from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation and an overall unallocated balance of **£3,527,799**.
- 4.6 Each year, allocations are made against the two main funding streams for Children's Services capital ie basic need and school condition funding. The projects are then commissioned through County Property. At the end of those 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.

In recent years there has been significant work undertaken to review projects from previous years, to close them and identify the savings that are available. As a result of that work savings totalling **£4,677,303** from 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 have been identified and agreed between County Property and Capital Finance. A breakdown of the savings is detailed in Appendix 3.

These funds are now available to be returned to the working budget for 2020-2021 to be allocated to schemes. The allocations will be the subject of further reports to Cabinet, Cabco or approved under delegated arrangements.

4.7 The funding therefore available for allocation is as follows:

Year	Funding	£
	Starting unallocated balance	3,527,799
2021-22	School Condition Allocation	10,635,904
2021-22 (for schemes to be delivered by September 2022)	Basic Need	0
2022-23 (for schemes to be delivered by September 2023)	Basic Need	0
2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15 moved to 2020-21	Savings	4,677,303
	Total	18,846,006

4.8 In the absence of any new Basic Need funding it will only be possible to progress essential projects using the unallocated balance from previous years and School Condition funding. This will restrict the amount of School Condition funding available for capital maintenance schemes.

A breakdown of the proposed programme is included in Appendices 4, 5 & 6. It comprises the following elements:

Appendix 4: Basic Need

- Basic Need schemes- the provision of new school places.
- Allocations to projects to provide new places that will ultimately be funded by signed S106 developer agreements but where it is prudent to commence projects to provide sufficient places in advance of that funding being received. When the S106 funding is received, this will be reported to Cabinet and the Capital Programme will be reimbursed.

Appendix 5: School Condition - condition & suitability.

- A joint match funding allocation. Schools can bid for 50% funding for projects addressing condition priorities in schools. The terms of the funding will be revised to focus on urgent condition issues as supported by the Area Surveyors.

Appendix 6: School Condition – capital maintenance & contingency

- Capital maintenance major items – these are projects over £40,000 for primary schools and £100,000 for secondary schools.
- Children’s Services contribution to Insurance Maintenance Programme (IMP)] for schemes between £20,000 and £40,000 for primary schools and between £50,000 and £100,000 for secondary schools and contingency capital maintenance (Projects below that level are a school responsibility, which can be met using Joint Match Funding or IMP).

Schools will be required to provide up to one year’s Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) to schemes approved in the Capital Programme in accordance with the Authority’s approved policy (Schools Devolved Capital Contributions to Local Authority Schemes – Cabinet, 20 March 2007).

Summary of proposed allocations from 2021-22 School Condition as set out in Appendices 4, 5& 6:

Appendix	Type	£
Appendix 4	Basic Need	968,005
Appendix 5	School condition – condition & suitability	500,000
Appendix 6	School condition – capital maintenance	6,477,628
	Total	7,945,633

This will leave 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** which will be the subject of future reports.

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 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 on file in the Children's Services Development Section.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1- Implications.
Appendix 2- Approvals made under delegated powers
Appendix 3- Savings
Appendix 4- Basic Need
Appendix 5- School Condition - condition & suitability
Appendix 6- School condition – capital maintenance

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

a) Notes the allocations made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services from the Children's Services Capital Budget totalling £3,645,821.

b) Notes the allocations made under delegated powers by the Children's Services Head of Development from the Children's Services Capital Budget totalling £119,386.

c) Notes the identified savings and approves the move of £4,677,303 to the 2020-2021 Children's Services budget.

d) Approves the allocation of £56,995 Section 106 funding and £968,005 from the 2021-22 School Condition Allocation to the expansion project at Hunloke Park Primary School.

e) Approves allocations totalling £6,977,628 from the 2021-22 School Condition Allocation to the projects set out in Appendices 5 & 6 of the report.

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 The approval of the allocations from the 2021-22 School Condition Allocation 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:

On behalf of: Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Director of Finance and ICT Managing Executive Director Executive Director(s)	
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Implications

Financial

1.1 The financial considerations are as explained in section 2 of the report with detailed breakdowns included in Appendices 2-5

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

Approvals under delegated powers

Approvals by the Executive Director for Children's Services

School	Scheme	Funding Yr/Type	Approved	Amount £
Belper Long Row Primary School	Boiler & heating renewal – additional funding	2020-21 SC	03/02/21	70,000
Hady Primary School	Drainage scheme	2020-21 SC	03/02/21	30,000
Killamarsh Infant School	Roofing scheme – additional funding	2020-21 SC	03/02/21	175,000
Newtown Primary School	Upgrading of electricity supply	2020-21 SC	03/02/21	45,000
William Levick Primary School	Electrical rewire – additional funding	2020-21 SC	03/02/21	50,000
Various	Capital maintenance schemes at 10 schools	2020-21 SC	12/02/21	1,032,000
Highfields School	Contribution to all weather pitch	2020-21 SC	15/02/21	130,000
Chapel-en-le-Frith CE Primary School	Classroom extension – additional funding	2020-21 SC	29/03/21	36,295
Various	Capital maintenance schemes at 9 schools	2020-21 SC	21/04/21	1,110,200
Breadsall Primary School	New school – additional funding	2020-21 SC	23/06/21 (Urgent Paper)	967,326
Total				3,645,821

Approvals by Children's Services Head of Development

School	Scheme	Funding Yr/Type	Approved	Amount £
Etwall Primary School	2 classroom extension – additional funding in advance of receipt of S106	2020-21 SC	09/02/21	17,100
Pilsley Primary	Plant room works –	2020-21	09/02/21	13,000

School (Cfld)	additional funding	SC		
Brockwell Junior School	New entrance – additional funding	2020-21 SC	28/04/21	16,820
Chapel en le Frith Primary School	Boiler renewal – additional funding	2020-21 SC	27/05/21	26,000
Cavendish Junior School	Flat roof – additional funding	2020-21 SC	13/07/21	13,753
Darley Dale Primary School	Kitchen ventilation – additional funding for building works	2020-21 SC	13/07/21	8,963
New Mills School	Kitchen ventilation – additional funding for building works	2020-21 SC	13/07/21	11,750
Birkhill Infant School	Kitchen ventilation – additional funding for building works	2020-21 SC	13/07/21	12,000
Total				119,386

Total				3,765,207
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Appendix 3

Savings

Financial Year	Savings £
2011-12	1,239,937
2012-13	905,520
2013-14	1,197,055
2014-15	1,334,791
Total	4,677,303

Appendix 4**Basic Need**

School	Scheme	Amount £
Hunloke Park Primary School	3 classroom block – The scheme has been costed at £1,025,000. A Section 106 contribution of £56,995 in respect of a housing development on Hockley Lane in Wingerworth (18/00188/OL & 19/00567/FL) is available to allocate to the scheme. There is a further Section 106 agreement for £410,364 which, when received, will reimburse the Capital Programme. £968,065 is required to progress the scheme.	968,005

Appendix 5

School condition – condition & suitability

School	Nature of Scheme	Scheme	Allocation £
Joint Match Funding	Condition improvements	Match funding scheme for minor school improvement schemes.	500,000
		Total Appendix 4:	500,000

Appendix 6

School condition – capital maintenance

School	Scheme	Amount £
Anthony Gell School (block 1)	Replacement of flat roof coverings & insulation project	600,000
Anthony Gell School (block 2)	Replacement of pitched roof coverings & insulation project	144,000
Bamford Primary School	Replacement of pitched roof coverings	181,125
Belmont Primary School (Foundation) - Site 02	Heating pipework and radiator renewal	156,975
Belper School & Sixth Form Centre	Replacement of flat coverings & insulation project	870,000
Buxton Community School (block 3)	Window & door framing	664,125
Buxton Community School (block 4)	Window & door framing	483,000
Clowne Junior School	Electrical rewire	181,125
Coton-In-The-Elms CE Controlled Primary School	Replacement of flat roof coverings & insulation project	325,500
Creswell CE Infant & Nursery School	Replacement of drains and playground resurfacing	120,750
Crich Junior School	Boiler and heating renewal	162,000
Croft Community Infant School	Replacement of pitched roof coverings & insulation project	72,450
Findern Community Primary School	New sewage plant system	300,000
Herbert Strutt Primary School	Ground heat source pump and boiler renewal	180,000

Killamarsh Junior School	Heating renewal	72,450
Linton Primary School	Electrical rewire	138,000
Northfield Junior School	Replacement of flat roof coverings	148,523
Parklands Infant & Nursery School	Replacement of flat roof coverings and rooflights & insulation project	648,000
Parkside Community School	Replacement of pitched roof coverings & insulation project	285,000
Ripley Infant School	Electrical rewire	179,400
Spire Junior School	Heating pipework renewal	65,205
	School condition – capital maintenance	5,977,628
	School condition – Children’s Services contribution to IMP projects with a value between £20k and £40k for primary and £50k and £100k for secondary and contingency capital maintenance.	500,000
	Total Appendix 5:	6,477,628

Report Sign Off and Version Control

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Corporate Objectives and priorities for change		
Consultation		
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Author's Directorate Sign Off

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