
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People
Date	28 March 2017
Present	Councillor Rawlings

14. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests that he may have in respect of business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

15. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 24 January 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

16. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Ms Gwen Swinburn spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Capital Programme. She stated that whilst she welcomed the transparency demonstrated in the annexes that had been provided with the report she was, however, concerned at the Council's Key Decision protocols and how these were applied, particularly in respect of the capital programme.

17. Education, Children and Young People's Capital Programme: Proposed School Maintenance Schemes in 2017/18

The Executive Member considered a report which provided details of the new school maintenance schemes being developed for 2017/18 and which sought approval for this

proposed programme, subject to final confirmation of the resources available.

Officers gave details of how the schemes had been scored and ranked. The Executive Member was informed that as the Capital Maintenance funding from the Department for Education (DfE) had not yet been announced, a prudent approach had been taken. Details were also given of the other funding on which the programme had been based, including that within the council's overall Capital Strategy for 2017/18 and resources from Section 106 receipts.

The Executive Member sought clarification as to the position if the DfE funding was less than had been anticipated. Officers stated that a prudent approach had been taken and that a small contingency had also been included. There was also the option to vire from the basic need funding if necessary. As the costs were based on pre-tender prices, approval for the schemes was subject to the overall resources being available.

The Executive Member stated that he was pleased to support the schemes suggested and, if funding was available to enable additional schemes to be carried out, these should be included based on the priority ranking.

- Resolved: (i) That the proposed programme of maintenance schemes, as detailed in the report, be agreed subject to final affordability once overall funding and detailed cost estimates are available.
- (ii) That, should the resources available exceed the schemes that have been approved, further schemes be included based on the priority ranking.

Reason: To facilitate the delivery of the capital programme.

Councillor Rawlings – Executive Member
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].