

**Decision Session – Executive Member      28 March 2017  
for Education, Children and Young  
People**

Report of the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Communities and the Corporate Director of Customer and Corporate Services

**Education, Children and Young People’s Capital  
Programme: Proposed School Maintenance Schemes in  
2017/18**

**Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to:
  - inform the Executive Member of new school maintenance schemes being developed for 2017/18
  - seek approval for this proposed programme subject to final confirmation of resources available

**Recommendations**

2. The Executive Member is recommended to:
  - agree the Maintenance schemes to be developed from the estimated available resource within the capital programme, subject to final affordability once overall funding and detailed cost estimates are available

Reason: to facilitate the delivery of the capital programme

**Background**

3. The current approved Education and Children’s Capital programme has a budget of £24.821m in 2017/18. The school maintenance scheme is one element of this programme and within this individual schemes are developed and submitted for approval on annual basis.

## **Consultation**

4. All of the schemes considered in this report have been, or will be, subject to extensive consultation with governing bodies, key partner agencies, local councillors and residents in the locality of the individual schemes during development.

## **Analysis**

5. Capital Maintenance funding is grant allocated annually to local authorities by the Department for Education for the improvement of LA maintained school buildings and children's centres. The 2017/18 allocations have not yet been announced.
6. The current approved programme contains a budget of £1.625m for 2017/18. This figure is based on the 2016/17 allocations with an assumed small reduction. However, due to the number of academy conversions which have taken place during 2016/17, it is likely that the actual allocation will now be lower than this figure. For the purposes of drawing up a programme to be funded in 2017/18, a prudent estimate of £1.39m has been assumed.
7. As part of the council's overall Capital Strategy for 2017/18 to 2021/22, an additional amount of investment has been approved to contribute towards significant and urgent health and safety and regulatory issues related to ventilation in school kitchens, and electrical work consisting of supply upgrades and improvements to fire alarms and emergency lighting, which, if funded from the maintenance grant would have severely curtailed the ability to carry out other urgent works in 2017/18. This funding has been provided from the authority's own resources, to be funded from prudential borrowing, and totals £554k.
8. Further resource has been identified from Section 106 receipts where the agreed purpose of the payment allows the funds to be used for the general enhancement of school premises, as opposed to being restricted to adding pupil places at schools. An amount of £396k has been identified that can be allocated to schemes in 2017/18.
9. The combination of these sources of funding allows a programme of maintenance totalling £2.34m to be put together for 2017/18. Based on current knowledge of the schools estate and taking into account the current condition of school buildings, any regulatory

and legislative issues, and the number of pupils affected by any building failures, schemes that have been considered have been prioritised and ranked in order of importance. Annex A details the schemes of highest priority under this process and are recommended for approval.

10. The budgeted figures are pre-tender estimates and may be subject to change following the results of this process. At this stage, and following the announcement of the actual level of the Maintenance grant allocation, the list of schemes that can be delivered will be finalised.
11. In addition to the schemes listed for approval, an amount of £182k will be held as a contingency for unforeseen emergency issues that may arise over the winter period.

## **Council Plan**

12. The overall council capital programme addresses all priorities of the Council Plan due to its varied and numerous schemes as shown in the main body of the report. The Education and Children's capital programme addresses priorities in relation to providing sufficient capacity in schools for all pupils in the city, and to ensure school buildings are maintained to a safe standard for accommodation of those pupils

## **Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

13. The financial implications are dealt with in the main body of the report.

### **Other Implications**

14. There are no Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information, Property or other implications arising from this report.

## **Risk Management**

15. There is always a degree of risk associated with operating a capital programme as schemes are developed and implemented. The key to minimising this risk is the effective operation of monitoring and control processes. Regular monitoring reports will

be presented to the Executive on the overall capital programme of the local authority, and more detailed reports on the Children's and Education programme can be presented to the Executive Member as required.

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### Background Papers

School Planning Maintenance Scheme prioritisation working papers

### Annexes

Annex A - Schedule of Proposed Schools Maintenance Schemes  
2017/18