

Report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools
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Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

**Capital Strategy for Schools – Condition Led Capital Investment Programme,
2016/17 and part 2017/18**

(Appendix 'A' refers)

(Appendix 'A' is not for publication - Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information).

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Executive Summary

This report sets out the proposals for the allocation of schools capital funding to address a further phase of high priority building condition repairs on Community, Voluntary Controlled and Maintained Schools in Lancashire.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No 25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools is recommended to approve the proposed list of maintenance schemes in Lancashire Schools, detailed at Appendix 'A', totalling £15.950m as a further phase of high priority school repairs.

Background and Advice

This is the fifth phase of the Condition Led Programme first started in 2011. Each round of the programme has addressed the worst condition issues that have been identified.

Through a process of cross referencing asset management building condition data held by the County Council, and interrogation of premises infrastructure service

contract report information, officers have formulated a schedule of Priority 1 and Priority 2 school repairs. These are set out at Appendix 'A'.

The programme has been formulated using the most current information available to officers but, from experience on earlier programmes and the volumes and complexities of assessing the condition of existing buildings, there could be a risk that a genuine Priority 1 or Priority 2 project may have been overlooked. With this in mind, a significant contingency for the programme is being recommended which will be available to capture any justifiable projects which come to light during the delivery of already identified works and which meet the Priority 1 and Priority 2 criteria.

The criteria for schools being included in the programme is based on the Department for Education (DfE) Schools Asset Management Guidance which defines Schools Priority 1 and Priority 2 repairs as:

Priority 1. *Urgent work that will prevent immediate closure of premises and/or address an immediate high risk to the health and safety of occupants and/or remedy a serious breach of legislation.*

Priority 2. *Essential work required within two years that will prevent serious deterioration of the fabric or services and/or address a medium risk to the health and safety of occupants and/or remedy a less serious breach of legislation.*

Due to the finite budget, it will not be possible to address all 'Priority 2' issues in all schools. Any remaining Priority 2 issues will be reviewed and considered for any future condition led programmes.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

If the recommended work is not undertaken the risk would be managed by further regular reactive maintenance to 'patch' the problems. However, in some cases, further deterioration of the building fabric or discontinued components would result in closure of parts of, or the whole school, until significant emergency repairs could be undertaken.

Due to the nature of building maintenance works, the full extent of repairs required may not be apparent until the building infrastructure is exposed, which may result in the need to undertake additional work and therefore increased project costs. Furthermore, there may also be genuine severe condition need projects that come to light, and it is recommended therefore that a risk contingency is included to be approved and managed by the Asset Management Service. This contingency figure is included in the overall programme value.

Financial

The Education Funding Agency School Condition allocations are as follows:

2016/17 £11.209m (confirmed)
2017/18 £11.209m (indicative only - announcement due before end of March 2017)
Anticipated total across two years £22.418m
Programme as at Appendix 'A' £15.950M
Risk Contingency £6.468m (subject to change of 2017/18 indicative allocation)

The programme will be reviewed if there is a significant variance from the indicative amount. A report for a further programme of schools condition work will be submitted to seek approval to allocate the remaining funding.

Additional financial implications are set out at Appendix 'A' and are deemed to be **Part II** for the reasons set out below.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

Appendix 'A' contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. This section of the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considering that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.