

Decision Maker: PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee on 15 June 2022

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: EDUCATION PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2022/23

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Chief Officer: Director of Education

Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for decision/report and options

1.1 To agree the capital maintenance programme for 2022/23 at maintained schools.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Holder:

- Notes Bromley's allocation of £383k of School Condition Allocation (SCA) for 2022/23 from DfE to support the capital maintenance of community and foundation schools within Bromley;
- Notes the allocation of £466k of Salix Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 3 funding to the Council for 2022/23;
- Authorises the expenditure of the capital funding in the sum of £982k based on the allocation to the 6 remaining Community and Foundation schools as set out in para 6.1 of this report;
- Agrees that maintenance works will be procured either through open procurement or through the Council's in-house Corporate Property Team. The Council may also on occasion delegate funds to schools to deliver capital works; and,
- Delegates responsibility to the Director of Education to authorise the allocation of £383k for the School Condition Allocation received for 2022/23.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Will benefit an estimated 1,760 children at Bromley maintained schools.
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (delete as appropriate):
(1) For children and young People to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost £982k
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre: School Planned Maintenance
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,875k
 5. Source of funding: DfE School Condition Allocation (SCA), SALIX PSDS3 Grant
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): -
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: -
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications:
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications:

The report allocates 10% of the SCA capital grant received from the DfE to renewable improvements/technology

Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (current and projected): The proposals will benefit 1,760 children, their families and staff at maintained schools
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 LBB receives an annual school conditions allocation (SCA) from the Department for Allocation to support capital maintenance works at the remaining LBB maintained school annually from the DfE. The allocation for 2022/23 was £383K.
- 3.2 The allocation from the DfE to the Council is made on the basis of 6 eligible maintained schools:
- Downe Primary School (Foundation)
 - Edgebury Primary School (Foundation)
 - Marjorie McClure School (Foundation)
 - Poverest Primary School (Foundation)
 - Riverside School (Community)
 - Southborough Primary School (Foundation)
- 3.3 The Council has been allocated £466k of Salix Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme towards the replacement of the heating system at Southborough Primary School. The total estimated value of the scheme is £825k with Bromley's contribution of £359k being partly funded from allocations made/set aside in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 education planned maintenance programme of £133k. The procurement and delivery of this scheme are subject to separate reports.
- 3.4 This report also allocates funding to support legal costs and the costs of the proposed Section 287 works arising from the granting of planning permission for the new Marjorie McClure premises at Edgebury Field. £200k is being allocated in 2022/23 towards Section 278 highways improvement works associated with the school, adding to £50k set aside in 2021/22.
- 3.5 The Council is seeking to support the green recovery through the delivery of the school capital maintenance programme and is seeking to achieve the outcomes detailed below:
- 10% of fund for improvements that benefit the environment – solar power, LED lights etc
 - Set standard for efficiency of improvements above basic building regulations requirements
 - Use new condition surveys to set targets for sustainable asset management plan
 - Encourage schools to consider GLA and Salix funds available for environment improvements to school property
- £38k will be set aside in the 2022/23 programme to support works at maintained schools which meet these objectives.
- 3.6 The remaining £228k (including contingency) will be allocated to maintained schools by the Director of Education following consultation with schools.

- 3.7 Allocations to schools are made based on priority condition works and health and safety issues. This is informed by the schools' premises development maintenance plans and condition surveys in addition to DfE Condition Data Collection reports.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 The proposals will benefit an estimated 1,760 children, their families, and staff at maintained schools.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Bromley Council has an established policy for review and strategic planning of school places and related school organisation. This need to ensure sufficient school places, the quality of those places and their efficient organisation is a priority within the Council's Corporate strategy 'Making Bromley Even Better'. The allocation of capital funding to support capital maintenance to LB Bromley schools contributes to the overall capital investment in school buildings. This policy also contributes to key targets within the Children Education and Families Portfolio Plan.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The budget of £982k for 2022/23 is made up of DfE SCA funding, carry forward from 2020/21 and 2021/22 and Salix PSDS3 Grant. The budget and planned expenditure is set out in the table below:

FUNDING	2022/23
	£'000s
2022/23 DfE SCA Allocation	383
Carried Forward DfE SCA Allocation from 2020/21 & 2021/22	133
SALIX Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS3) Allocation	466
TOTAL BUDGET 2022/23	982
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	
Southborough Primary School Heating Replacement	466
Marjorie McClure S278 Works	200
Marjorie McClure Legal	50
10% renewables PV	38
Schemes (to be confirmed)	207
Contingency	21
Planned Expenditure 2022/23	982

- 6.2 A £200k allocation has been made to deliver S278 highways works associated with highways connections to Marjorie McClure's new premises. These works are to be delivered by the DfE.
- 6.3 The uses of the allocation of £207k is still to be agreed with LBB maintained schools. Discussions currently ongoing included fire safety, boiler and window replacement and roofing works. A 10% contingency has been added to the programme to cover these works.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The distribution and application of monies received from Central Government is subject to guidance and advice from the Department for Education. Under Section 14 Education Act 1996,

the Council has a statutory duty to ensure that there are enough primary and secondary school places available to meet the needs of the pupils in the borough and Local Authority retained schools are adequately maintained to meet this purpose.

- 7.2 There are no significant legal issues raised regarding the recommendations made in this report.
- 7.3 Officers will need to consult with Legal Services in respect of the further provision of the maintained school's capital maintenance works when it becomes necessary to carry out a new procurement in regards to the schools capital maintenance work and may (if the wish) contact Legal Services should they require legal advice in relation to the appropriate legal documentation.

8. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This is report is for the Portfolio Holder to note and agree the Capital Maintenance Programme.
- 8.2 There are no procurement implications for this report.
- 8.3 Separate reports will be written and approved as stated in 3.3 for the procurement of Tenders for any school capital maintenance works that is required. Team.

9. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no implications on Bromley's corporate estate. 5 of the schools have foundation status and these schools hold their premises on a freehold basis. Riverside School are a Community School where the Council is landlord, but day-to-day management is delegated to the Headteacher and governing body.

10. CARBON REDUCTION/SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The education planned maintenance programme sets aside 10% of the 2022/23 SCA grant for renewables at schools. The £466k Salix PSDS3 grant will contribute towards replacement of Southborough Primary School's current gas fired boilers with energy efficient air source heat pumps and associated improvements.

Non-Applicable Headings:	PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS, CUSTOMER IMPACT, WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS,
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	