
Decision Maker:	PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES		
Date:	For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee on 20 June 2023		
Decision Type:	Non-Urgent	Executive	Non-Key
Title:	EDUCATION PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2023/24		
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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 2023/24 at maintained schools.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **That the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Holder:**

- **Notes Bromley's allocation of £388,472 of School Condition Allocation (SCA) for 2023/24 from DfE to support the capital maintenance of community and foundation maintained schools within Bromley;**
- **Delegates responsibility to the Director of Education to authorise the allocation of £388,472 the School Condition Allocation received for 2023/24;**
- **Note the additional £60,000 Capex funding from S106 allocations to support decarbonisation;**
- **Authorises the expenditure of the capital funding up to the sum of £865k based on the 5 remaining Community and Foundation schools as set out in para of this report;**
- **Maintenance works will normally be procured through open procurement. The Council may also on occasion delegate funds to schools or commission the Council's Corporate Property Team to deliver capital works; and,**
- **The Council's Lot 4 consultant has been commissioned to support the Council where required in the planning and project management of education planned maintenance works.**

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Will benefit at least estimated 1,702 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 £865k
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre: School Planned Maintenance
 4. Total current budget for this head: £865k
 5. Source of funding: DfE School Condition Allocation (SCA)
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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: Portfolio Holder decision.
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: There are no direct procurement implications arising from this report as it deals with the education capital programme budget. Individual contracts will be subject to future Member or officer reports subject to value.
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications:
Riverside School is a maintained school
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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. The Council is working to identify further funding opportunities to reduce the carbon impact of Bromley's maintained school estate.

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 2023/24 was £388K.
- 3.2 The allocation from the DfE to the Council is made on the basis of 5 remaining maintained schools of which Riverside SEND school operates out of 4 satellite sites:
- Edgebury Primary School (Foundation)
 - Marjorie McClure School (Foundation)
 - Poverest Primary School (Foundation)
 - Riverside School (Community) (site at Orpington, Beckenham, West Wickham and Phoenix Centre)
 - Southborough Primary School (Foundation)
- 3.3 The Council is seeking to support decarbonisation of the maintained school estate through its delivery of the education 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
 - Identify funding opportunities and support schools to access support from Greater London Authority (GLA) and Salix funds for environment improvements to school property
- £39k will be set aside in the 2023/24 programme to support works at maintained schools which meet these objectives. Work has been ongoing with colleagues in Environment and Public Protection on the decarbonisation of our remaining maintained school and have secured in principle a Capex contribution of £60k funded from Section 106 to support solar arrays at schools subject to meeting carbon reduction criteria.
- 3.4 The remaining £865k (including contingency and unallocated funded) will be allocated to maintained schools by the Director of Education following consultation with schools.
- 3.5 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. Consultants appointed under Lot 4 of the Consultancy Framework are in the process of compiling a programme of works out of these surveys.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 The proposals will benefit at least 1,702 children, their families, and staff at maintained schools

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The delivery of high-quality education environments is a priority within the Council's strategy Making Bromley Even Better 2021-31; '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.' 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 £865k for 2023/24 is made up of DfE new SCA funding for 2023/24 and carry forward from 2022/23 that includes a saving of £101k on the £200k allocation to deliver S278 highways works associated highways connections to Marjorie McClure's school's new premises. The budget and planned expenditure is set out in the table below:

FUNDING	2023/24
	£'000s
2023/24 DfE SCA Allocation	388,472
Carried Forward from 2022/23	416,787
Capex allocation Solar Panels	60,000
TOTAL BUDGET 2023/24	865,259
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	
Southborough PSDS3 (3 years monitoring)	18,000
Solar PV	60,000
10% renewables PV	39,000
Schemes (to be confirmed)	607,308
Contingency	80,479
Unallocated funding	£60,472
Planned Expenditure 2023/24	865,259

- 6.2 The use of the £607k allocation to schemes is still to be agreed with LBB maintained schools. An allocation will need to be made to support the refurbishment of the old Marjorie McClure school site. Discussions with schools are currently ongoing including 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 This report seeks approval from the children, education and families portfolio holder to agree the capital maintenance programme for 2023/24 at maintained schools, specifically to;
- I. Note allocation of £388,472 of School Condition Allocation (SCA) for 2023/24 from DfE
 - II. Note £60,000 Capex funding from S106 allocations to support decarbonisation
 - III. Authorise £865k based on the 5 remaining Community and Foundation schools as set out in this report
 - IV. Delegate funds to schools or commission via London Borough of Bromley portal or the Council's Corporate Property Team to deliver capital works
 - V. Authorise allocation of £388k the School Condition Allocation received for 2023/24

- 7.2 The Council has a statutory duty under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 to secure sufficient schools to meet demand in its area, ensuring that schools are sufficient in “number, character and equipment”. The distribution and application of monies received from Central Government is subject to guidance and advice from the Department for Education.
- 7.3 There are no significant legal issues raised regarding the recommendations made in this report.
- 7.4 Officers will need to consult with Legal Services in respect of the further provision of the schools capital maintenance works when it becomes necessary to carry out a new procurement in regards to the schools capital maintenance work and may contact Legal Services should they require legal advice in relation to the appropriate legal documentation.

8. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 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 is a Community School where the Council is landlord, but day-to-day management is delegated to the headteacher and governing body.

9. CARBON REDUCTION/SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The education planned maintenance programme sets aside 10% of the 2023/4 SCA grant for renewables at schools. Further bids are anticipated to be made to Salix PSDS3c in the Autumn 2023 fund to support carbon reduction projects including current gas fired boilers with energy efficient air source heat pumps and associated improved insulation.

Non-Applicable Headings:	10. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS, CUSTOMER IMPACT, WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS, PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	