

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET MEMBER CONTRACTS AND ASSETS

ITEM:	LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME
Date of Decision:	30 June 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.	
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the planned programme of maintenance work at local authority maintained schools to voluntary aided and designated trust schools.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) The school maintenance schemes as set out in appendix 1 be approved;</p> <p>(b) Authority is delegated to the director of children’s wellbeing to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the programme as set out in appendix 1;and</p> <p>(c) where there are variances to works, or tender prices these will be subject to the council’s governance arrangements.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The government grants the council three separate funding streams for capital works to schools: maintenance, basic need and LCVAP. Maintenance grants can only be spent on local authority maintained and voluntary controlled schools; LCVAP can only be applied to voluntary aided schools; and basic need grant is accessible by all schools. There should be an open and transparent approach to the amounts of funding received and its expenditure, which this report provides. Academy and free schools have access to the education funding agencies condition improvement fund for building works, both maintenance and improvements.</p> <p>In preparing the schools capital investment strategy, approved</p>

	<p>by cabinet 11th February 2016 a significant a backlog of urgent and essential maintenance works at local authority maintained, voluntary controlled and voluntary aided schools was identified. Using the available information on the condition of schools there has been a prioritisation process involving school staff, head teachers and property professionals. The key priorities have been linked to fire risks and health and safety and accessibility with additional consideration given to major disruptions to the education of the school, where for example it may have to be closed. There has been detail and consensual approach to ensure work to address the poorest condition items in schools has been appropriately prioritised</p>
Options Considered:	
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	7 July 2017

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■ a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

■ in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.