

Written statement of a non-key officer decision
Director of Children and Families

Title	Local Management of Schools Capital Loan to Madley Primary School
Decision maker	Director of Children and Families
Date of decision	13 September 2019
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>To approve a loan from school balances of £50,000 to Madley Primary School to enable the upgrade and replacement of their ICT infrastructure and to refurbish their ICT suite.</p> <p>The school has recently conducted an IT infrastructure review and found the current hardware and technical infrastructure to be outdated and no longer fit for purpose; their previous hardware refresh took place in 2002 with adhoc maintenance, repair and exchange to date. The school have been advised that there is an imminent risk of failure of the server which could result in a loss of data.</p> <p>The project will refresh the existing desktop hardware including a migration to Windows 10 with full cloud capability and supporting infrastructure, and the migration of data to SharePoint. As a result of this upgrade, the infrastructure lifespan will be in excess of 10 years, with the hardware lifespan between 7-9 years.</p> <p>The IT suite will be refurbished with new fixtures and fittings (benches and seating) and the flooring replaced.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) A capital loan of £50k to Madley Primary School be approved at 0% interest, repayable from April 2020 in five instalments of £10k to enable the upgrade and replacement of their ICT infrastructure and to refurbish their ICT suite including replacing the flooring.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50031270</p>
Consultation	
Options considered	<p>1. The alternative option is not to grant the loan as requested and in which case the school will have to either not</p>

	undertake the upgrade or fund it from their own budget.
Declarations of interest	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	19 September 2019

<p>Officer:</p> <p>Director of Children and Families (Chris Baird)</p>	<p>Date 13 September 2019</p>
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