Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £50k for urgent asbestos removal at Aylestone High School from school capital maintenance funding
Date of decision:	25 September 2018
Decision maker:	Interim Education & Capital Manager
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved 28 June 2018 (http://hc- modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5189)
Ward:	Aylestone Hill
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	 Agreement to: Approve up to £50k of maintenance at Aylestone High School in addition to the sum previously approved in the 2018/19 maintenance programme. Fund the additional works from the existing school capital maintenance budget
Reasons for decision:	Aylestone High has been included in the planned maintenance programme 2018/19 for mechanical works in their boiler rooms. The school is known to have asbestos on site. Prior to commencement of works on site, an Asbestos Refurbishment Survey was arranged for the areas in which the contractor appointed to undertake the mechanical works would be operating, namely three boiler rooms and the access to these rooms. This intrusive survey has highlighted a significant number of high risk items in the areas surveyed. One boiler room was reported as being free from asbestos, the other two contained asbestos which was recommended for removal. The contractor has not commenced any works pending the outcome of the asbestos survey. The cost of the removal of the asbestos will be added to the planned maintenance programme for 2018/19 for the mechanical works at Aylestone and funded from the contingency within the existing school capital maintenance budget.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The estimated costs of the additional works are £50k for asbestos removal and associated fees. This will be funded from the contingency within the school capital maintenance budget.Contingency at start of year£193kSpend to date£0kAylestone asbestos removal£50kRemaining contingency£143k
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Do nothing. This is not recommended as the risk of these works not being completed means that parts of the school building will be inaccessible due to the high risk of exposure to asbestos. As these areas relate to boiler rooms there is also the possibility that the school could be without heating or hot water should there be a problem with the boilers themselves. This would have a major disruptive effect on the operation of the school.

Details of any declarations	None
of interest made:	

Signed..... Date: 25 September 2018