

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £30k for urgent asbestos removal at Trinity Primary School from school capital maintenance funding
Date of decision:	16 October 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:	Kings Acre
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	<p>Agreement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve up to £30k of maintenance at Trinity Primary School • Fund the additional works from the existing school capital maintenance budget
Reasons for decision:	<p>Trinity Primary has not been included in the planned maintenance programme 2018/19 for any works. The school is known to have asbestos on site, one area being a painted asbestos soffit and fascia. On a recent inspection this soffit and fascia was found to be in poor condition where the paint was peeling and falling into the play area where children are active. There was also a small area that was damaged. A temporary repair of this area has been carried out by a specialist contractor.</p> <p>The school has taken immediate action to protect the area and prevent children from playing in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>The works to be carried out will include the removal of the asbestos soffits and other components by a licensed contractor, and their replacement with an approved alternative material.</p> <p>The cost of the removal of the asbestos and replacement with an alternative material will be added to the maintenance programme for 2018/19 and funded from the contingency within the existing school capital maintenance budget.</p>

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The estimated costs of the emergency works are £30k for asbestos removal and associated fees. This will be funded from the contingency within the school capital maintenance budget.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="651 300 1257 450"> <tr> <td>Contingency at start of year</td> <td>£193k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spend to date</td> <td>£50k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trinity asbestos removal</td> <td>£30k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining contingency</td> <td>£113k</td> </tr> </table> <p>A potential risk is that on the removal of the asbestos soffits other problems may come to light, such as structural deterioration of parts of the wooden roof structure. If this is the case a further officer decision could be required.</p>	Contingency at start of year	£193k	Spend to date	£50k	Trinity asbestos removal	£30k	Remaining contingency	£113k
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<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Do nothing. This is not recommended as the risk of these works not being completed means that parts of the school site will be inaccessible due to the risk of exposure to asbestos.</p> <p>Undertake localized clean and repaint. This is not recommended as the area will always be vulnerable to the weather and damage. If it is left in situ and just cleaned and repainted it will need to be subject to a regime of constant review (at least annually) and in another two or three years will be in the same state as it is now. So it is more cost effective in the long term to remove it.</p>								
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>								

Signed..... Date: 16 October 2018