

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Car Park Lighting and Soakaway at Leominster Primary School
Date of decision:	15 March 2019
Decision maker:	Director for Children and Families
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet member report approved 17 December 2018 (http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5545)
Ward:	Leominster South, Leominster East, Leominster West, Leominster North & Rural
Consultation:	The head teacher and governors of the school have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.
Decision made:	To fund £19,213, including professional fees, for the installation of car park lighting and a soakaway at Leominster Primary School. Funding to be provided from primary Section 106 receipts from Laundry Lane, Leominster; Leominster Primary new build capital funding and School devolved capital.
Reasons for decision:	<p>Leominster Primary was rebuilt and opened in its new buildings in November 2014. This was the result of the amalgamation of the previous Infants' and Junior Schools.</p> <p>The existing street lighting in the lower car park (which was originally part of Leominster Infants School) failed an operational test during phase 2 of the build (the demolition of the old school buildings and development of the new car park). There was insufficient funding in the budget to enable the replacement of these lights to be undertaken as part of the rebuild.</p> <p>The lower car park is used by staff, visitors and parents and is a dark space in winter months. The footpath adjoining the car park is used daily by parents and pupils walking to school and by staff and visitors parking in the lower car park.</p> <p>From a safeguarding perspective it was considered appropriate to replace this lighting to enable pupils to safely access the school and maintain numbers.</p> <p>The new school was also built with a depression near the pedestrian entrance which would act as a soakaway for the fields. The idea was for this to take surplus water which would eventually dissipate away.</p> <p>In heavy rain the depression fills rapidly with water and has been known to have half a meter of water in it. This has caused the school significant health & safety problems as there is currently no means</p>

	<p>of preventing anyone from entering the area. The school have cordoned the area off as a temporary measure and closed the footpath, however this is not an ideal solution for everyday use.</p> <p>A wet well system has been devised to replace the depression which will continue to allow water to be collected in the area but which will allow users of the site to walk over the area without getting wet as the collection point will be underground.</p>																
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards Leominster Primary School. This contribution along with further funding from the existing Leominster Primary new build capital and schools own devolved formula capital (DFC) will be made available to deliver necessary works required for the school.</p> <p>Costs for the works have been calculated as:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="695 786 1214 936"> <tr> <td>Car Park Lighting:</td> <td>£13,716</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Soakaway/Wet Well:</td> <td>£3,750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fees:</td> <td>£1,747</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td>£19,213</td> </tr> </table> <p>The work will be funded from:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="660 1043 1249 1193"> <tr> <td>S106:</td> <td>£12,729</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leominster rebuild Capital:</td> <td>£3,242</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School DFC:</td> <td>£3,242</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td>£19,213</td> </tr> </table> <p>If the proposed works are not undertaken there is a risk that avoidable accidents involving children, parents or staff will occur.</p>	Car Park Lighting:	£13,716	Soakaway/Wet Well:	£3,750	Fees:	£1,747	Total:	£19,213	S106:	£12,729	Leominster rebuild Capital:	£3,242	School DFC:	£3,242	Total:	£19,213
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<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Consideration was given to the repair of the car park lighting rather than a replacement system however the electrical contractor advised that the current system was beyond repair and the only realistic option was for a new system of lighting. The lighting will be repositioned so that it is centrally located in the car parking area with sufficient coverage to light the adjoining footpath.</p> <p>The soakaway could have fenced off with a suitable material hence preventing access to the area. This however would have resulted in part of the school being inaccessible for no apparent reason. The proposed scheme allows the area to continue to be used in all weathers.</p>																
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>																

Signed

Date: 15 March 2019