

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £14k for urgent water boiler replacement at Ashfield Park Primary School from school capital maintenance funding
Date of decision:	27 March 2019
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:	Ross West, Ross East, Ross North
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	Agreement to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve up to £14k of maintenance at Ashfield Park Primary School • Fund the additional works from the existing school capital maintenance budget
Reasons for decision:	<p>Ashfield Park has a water boiler that has been nearing the end of its useful life although remained operational. The boiler is obsolete, no longer manufactured and parts cannot be sourced for it. The school have expressed concern that once it breaks down it would need to be replaced.</p> <p>Following a recent service of the boiler it was identified that due to the age of the boiler a large amount of scale has built up in the tank. When pressure is released, the valve was releasing hot water back up into the cold water tank. The cold water tank feeds the water in the school. When the lid of the cold water tank was removed, steam escaped. There is a health and safety risk therefore that the water could contain legionella as the temperature in the cold water tank was measured at 42 degrees.</p> <p>It was therefore considered necessary to replace the boiler.</p> <p>The cost of the boiler 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 cost of the emergency work is £13,385 plus associated contingency, professional and associated fees. A total cost up to the value of £14k. This will be funded from the contingency within the school capital maintenance budget.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="651 333 1259 483"> <tr> <td>Contingency at start of year</td> <td>£193k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spend to date</td> <td>£133k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ashfield water boiler</td> <td>£14k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining contingency</td> <td>£46k</td> </tr> </table> <p>A potential risk is that on the removal of the existing water boiler other problems may come to light relating to the hot and cold water system. If this is the case a further officer decision could be required.</p>	Contingency at start of year	£193k	Spend to date	£133k	Ashfield water boiler	£14k	Remaining contingency	£46k
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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 the health and safety risk associated with the continued use of the boiler remains.</p> <p>Undertake localized repair. This is not an option as the type of boiler in use is no longer manufactured and therefore parts are not available.</p>								
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>								

Signed:

Date: 27 March 2019