

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £42k for the provision of a hygiene room at Wellington Primary School from individual pupil needs funding
Date of decision:	29 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?!D=5189)
Ward:	Queenswood
Consultation:	<p>Cabinet debated and approved a report on the Local Authority Schools Maintenance Programme on 28 June 2018 which includes spend on accessibility improvement works in schools.</p> <p>Consultation has already been done in respect of the overall programme with the Capital Strategy Consultative Group, comprising a number of headteachers and council officers, who agreed the programme as a constructive way forward for the use of the grant.</p> <p>Political groups were consulted on the programme and no objections or comments were received.</p>
Decision made:	<p>Agreement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the provision of a hygiene room at Wellington Primary School, to be undertaken via Balfour Beatty Living Places, at an initial cost of £36,913 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £42,000 • Fund the works from the existing individual pupil needs budget
Reasons for decision:	<p>St Joseph's RC Primary was included as an approved scheme for 2018/19 for the provision of a hygiene room. The child for which this scheme was included has since taken up a place at an alternative school resulting in the hygiene room at St Joseph's not being required.</p> <p>Wellington Primary now requires some adaptations to enable it to accommodate a child at the school. The funding originally earmarked for St Joseph's will be used to fund the scheme at Wellington.</p> <p>The costs received lie within the original budget provided of £40k plus fees.</p>

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The works can be covered within the budget originally allocated towards accessibility improvement works in schools.</p> <p>There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified if the condition of the existing space identified to be converted into a hygiene room is found to be poor. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once work on site has commenced. Should this contingency be insufficient then a further officer decision will be required.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Do nothing. This is not recommended as the local authority has a duty of care to the children in schools. The provision of the hygiene room will ensure that the school can take in other children in the future who are in need of similar facilities.</p> <p>Provide an extension to the school to include the facilities required. This is not recommended as there is an appropriate space within the school that can be converted into the hygiene room at a lower cost than an extension without compromising the spaces required by the school for everyday use.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed

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