

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £7k for design works to provide boiler and heating upgrade at Kington Primary School from school capital maintenance funding
Date of decision:	9 April 2019
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Education Development and Skills
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved 17 January 2019 (http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5593)
Ward:	Kington
Consultation:	<p>Cabinet debated and approved a report on the 2018/19 Local Authority Schools Maintenance Programme on 28 June 2018 and the 2019/20 Local Authority Schools Maintenance Programme on 17 January 2019.</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"> • Approve the design element of the boiler and heating upgrade programme of maintenance at Kington Primary School, to be undertaken via Balfour Beatty Living Places at an initial cost of £6,200 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £7k • Fund the design works from the existing school capital maintenance budget
Reasons for decision:	<p>Kington Primary has been included in the planned maintenance programme 2019/20 for boiler and heating upgrade works.</p> <p>The costs received lie within the original budget provided in the cabinet reports of £175k plus fees for 2019/20. A further record of officer decision will be produced once the actual cost of the upgrade is known.</p>

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The works can be covered within the budget originally allocated as part of the planned maintenance programme.</p> <p>There is a risk that the actual cost of the upgrade plus these design costs exceed the allocated budget. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements. Should this contingency be insufficient then a further officer decision will be required.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Do nothing. This is not recommended as the risk of these works not being completed means that parts of the school building will be unheated. The boilers have been noted as having passed the end of their life expectancy in the condition reports and should be replaced as a priority to maintain reliable heating to the school. This would have a major disruptive effect on the operation of the school.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None</p>

Signed

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