

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £27k for planned maintenance fire precautions at Weobley Primary School from school capital maintenance funding
Date of decision:	12 July 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:	Weobley
Consultation:	<p>Cabinet debated and approved a report on 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"> To approve the fire alarm replacement planned maintenance works at Weobley Primary School, to be undertaken via Balfour Beatty Living Places, at an initial cost of £21,591 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £27,000 Fund the works from the existing school capital maintenance budget
Reasons for decision:	<p>Weobley Primary was included in the approved schools planned maintenance programme 2019/20 for fire precaution works.</p> <p>The costs received lie within the original budget provided in the cabinet report of £40k plus fees.</p>

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The works can be covered within the budget originally allocated for fire precautions as part of the planned maintenance programme.</p> <p>There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified if the condition of the supporting infrastructures are found to be poor. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once the fire precaution works are commenced. 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 school is not fully protected in terms of fire precaution mechanisms. Not undertaking the works could result in a significant health & safety risk to the building and its occupants.</p> <p>Undertake a different set of fire precaution works. The works put forward are considered the most appropriate and necessary to ensure the safety of the building and its occupants.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Date: 12/07/2019