

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To approve the expenditure of up to £156k for planned maintenance boiler replacement at Weobley High School from school capital maintenance funding
<b>Date of decision:</b>	22 July 2019
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Assistant Director Education Development & Skills
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved 17 January 2019 ( <a href="http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5593">http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5593</a> )
<b>Ward:</b>	Weobley
<b>Consultation:</b>	<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>
<b>Decision made:</b>	<p>Agreement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the boiler replacement planned maintenance works at Weobley High School, to be undertaken via Balfour Beatty Living Places, at an initial cost of £127,764 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £156,000</li> <li>• Fund the works from the existing school capital maintenance budget</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Weobley High School was included in the approved schools planned maintenance programme 2019/20 for boiler replacement works. Kington Primary School was also included in the approved schools planned maintenance programme 2019/20 for heating improvement works.</p> <p>The budget allocated for both schemes was insufficient to cover the individual work required at each school. The boiler at Weobley High was determined to be in worse condition and of higher priority than the heating improvement works at Kington Primary therefore the works at Kington was deferred to a future year to enable Weobley High boiler to be completed.</p> <p>The costs received lie within the original budget provided in the cabinet report of £40k plus fees for boiler replacement works at</p>

	Weobley High and £175k plus fees for heating improvement works at Kington Primary, a total of £215k plus fees.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>The works can be covered within the budget originally allocated for both boiler replacement at Weobley High and heating improvement works at Kington Primary 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 and surrounding infrastructures are found to be poor. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once the works are commenced. Should this contingency be insufficient then a further officer decision will be required.</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Do nothing. This is not recommended as the boiler is at the end of its useful life and poses a potential health and safety risk to the occupants of the school should it fail during a cold weather period.</p> <p>Undertake the heating improvement works at Kington Primary. This is not possible as the combined budget available would be insufficient to cover the costs of the work required and the boiler replacement at Weobley High was considered a higher priority undertaking.</p>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

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