

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To approve the expenditure of up to £24k for planned maintenance fascia replacements at Credenhill St Mary's CE Primary School and Luston Primary School from school capital maintenance funding
<b>Date of decision:</b>	21 October 2019
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director for Children and Families
<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>	Credenhill & Bircher
<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 fascias replacement planned maintenance works at Credenhill CE Primary and Luston Primary Schools, to be undertaken via Balfour Beatty Living Places and SC Joseph, at an initial cost of £18,776 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £24,000</li> <li>Fund the works from the existing school capital maintenance budget</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Credenhill CE Primary and Luston Primary were included in the approved schools planned maintenance programme 2019/20 for fascia works.</p> <p>To enable economies of scale and obtain best value these two schemes have been combined.</p> <p>The project was subject to a competitive tendering exercise through Balfour Beatty. Costs received from tenderers were subject to scrutiny by Balfour Beatty quantity surveys prior to the contractor with the most cost effective tender being recommended for appointment. SC Joseph were consequently selected as the</p>

	<p>preferred sub-contractor to undertake the works following this process.</p> <p>Due to the age of the school buildings a pre-refurbishment asbestos survey was undertaken which identified the presence of non-notifiable asbestos in the fascias and soffits of the two schools. Due to the high risk nature of asbestos there will be a waste manage plan that details how the non-notifiable asbestos is to be removed and stored onsite. All asbestos will be removed in line with CAR2012 regulations. All asbestos will be placed in secure storage ensuring no unauthorised access until it can be safely disposed of. The identification of asbestos has resulted in an increase in the costs originally budgeted for these schools.</p> <p>The costs for the works will be covered using £24,000 from the schools capital maintenance budget; £15,950 of which has already been approved for expenditure against this item, the remaining £8,050 will be funded from the contingency within the schools capital maintenance budget as the works all equate to maintenance schemes that are the responsibility of the council.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>The works can be covered within the budget originally allocated for fascias as part of the planned maintenance programme plus some funding from the contingency within the schools capital maintenance budget.</p> <p>There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified if the condition of the underluing structure is found to be poor. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once the existing fascias have been removed. 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 fascias are in poor condition allowing water into the building disrupting services and causing further deterioration to the building fabric leading to greater reactive costs.</p> <p>Undertake localized patch repairs. This is not recommended as it will not provide a comprehensive resolution to the problem and may lead to greater deterioration of the fascias in the longer term.</p>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

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