

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £500 for urgent gas safety inspection at St Peters Primary School from school capital maintenance funding
Date of decision:	8 June 2020
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 3 April 2020 (http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6755)
Ward:	Bromyard West
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	<p>Agreement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the gas safety inspection at St Peters Primary School, to be undertaken via Balfour Beatty Living Places, at an initial cost of £300 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £500 • Fund the works from the existing school capital maintenance budget
Reasons for decision:	<p>St Peters Primary has not been included in the planned maintenance programme 2020/21 for any works.</p> <p>The school have reported that the gas pressure test for the boilers has failed its certification with the statement that the gas pressure is insufficient for the two boilers at the school and is therefore in need of an upgrade.</p> <p>The boilers were replaced at the school as part of the planned maintenance programme in 2017/18. The pressure test has passed in the last two years but failed this year. An independent test is required to confirm or dispute the findings of the schools contractor / service engineer.</p> <p>The cost of the inspection will be added to the maintenance programme for 2020/21 and funded from the contingency within the existing school capital maintenance budget.</p>

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The estimated cost of the work is £5,000 including any associated contingency, professional and associated fees. This will be funded from the contingency within the school capital maintenance budget.</p> <p>There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified if the outcome of the inspection confirms the finding made by the schools contractor / service engineer. 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>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Do nothing. This is not recommended as the gas safety test has failed which could cause health & safety concerns for the users of the building.</p> <p>Do not challenge the results of the schools contractor / service engineer. The works put forward are considered the most appropriate and necessary to ensure the safety of the building and its occupants given that the pressure test has passed in previous years since the installation of the new boilers.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed

Date: 8 June 2020