

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £15k for asbestos removal as part of the approved planned maintenance boiler and heating upgrade at Kington Primary School
Date of decision:	2 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:	Kington
Consultation:	<p>Cabinet debated and approved a report on the 2020/21 Local Authority Schools Maintenance Programme on 3 April 2020.</p> <p>Consultation has already been done in respect of the overall programme with the Capital Strategy Consultative Group, comprising a number of head teachers 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 asbestos removal works as part of the approved boiler and heating upgrade planned maintenance works at Kington Primary School, to be undertaken Balfour Beatty living Places at an initial cost of £11,374 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £15k
Reasons for decision:	<p>Kington Primary has been included in the planned maintenance programme 2020/21 for boiler and heating upgrade works.</p> <p>A previous record of officer decision approved the overall programme of works at the school within a total budget of £291k. These works included the removal of asbestos from various parts of the school. It was considered prudent to commence some of the asbestos removal in advance of the contractor starting on site. These works therefore cover the removal of debris from the boiler room only. The remaining asbestos removal works will be undertaken by the contractor appointed.</p> <p>The costs for the works will be covered from the £291k budget which has been approved from the schools capital maintenance budget.</p>
Highlight any associated	The works can be covered within the budget originally allocated for the boiler and heating upgrade as part of the planned maintenance

risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>programme.</p> <p>There is a risk 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>
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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