

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £24k for urgent roof repairs at Peterchurch Primary School from school capital maintenance funding
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:	Golden Valley North
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	Agreement to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve up to £24k of maintenance at Peterchurch Primary School • Fund the additional works from the existing school capital maintenance budget
Reasons for decision:	<p>Peterchurch Primary has not been included in the planned maintenance programme 2020/21 for any works. The school is scheduled for a new build in future years, and has recently had some maintenance funding towards roof repairs where the roof was leaking.</p> <p>A further leak developed in the hall which resulted in parents and children being dripped on during any performances that are held in the school. It also prevented full use of the hall as a physical education area as pupils were at risk of slipping on the floor. The recommendation was to clean the roof which contains asbestos and apply a bitumen paint to seal.</p> <p>Having removed the moss from the roof the roof coverings exposed proved to be degraded beyond the point where a simple bitumen paint seal would be sufficient to encapsulate the asbestos but not sufficient to provide a suitable weatherproof roof covering. A revised plan of works to make the roof watertight is to over roof the area.</p> <p>The cost of the additional roof repairs will be added to the maintenance programme for 2020/21 and funded from the contingency within the existing school capital maintenance budget.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The estimated cost of the work is £24,000 including any associated contingency, professional and associated fees. This will be funded from the contingency within the school capital maintenance budget

	There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified if the condition of any other infrastructure is found to be poor. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements. Should this contingency be insufficient then a further officer decision will be required.
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 will be unusable due to the potential for water ingress through the roof which is now more vulnerable to water ingress since the removal of the moss.</p> <p>Undertake complete roof replacement. This is not recommended as the roof is asbestos and the costs of replacement, given that the school is scheduled for a new build, makes this option unviable.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

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