

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £31,550 from the Capital Maintenance Schools' Budget for safeguarding fencing works to Ashfield Park Primary School.
Date of decision:	30 September 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 https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6755
Ward:	Ross West, Ross East, Ross North
Consultation:	Cabinet debated and approved a report on the 2020/21 Local Authority Schools Maintenance Programme on 3 April 2020. 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. Political groups were consulted on the programme and no objections or comments were received.
Decision made:	Agreement to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award Balfour Beatty the contract to complete the safeguarding fencing works to Ashfield Primary School up to the value of £29,550 to include a contingency value of £4,450 from the contingency allocation. 2. To authorise the expenditure of up to the value of £2,000 from the professional fees allocation as set out in the Cabinet Decision
Reasons for decision:	To complete the safeguarding fencing works required at Ashfield Primary School to make the building fit for purpose and to address the school's Capital Maintenance request. To ensure all Council buildings are fit for purpose and maintained to the standards set out in the condition survey to address suitability, sustainability and affordability. The contract with BBLP has already undertaken an open market tender evaluation, with defined management costs and approved health & safety standards and competencies.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	By not carrying out the works the school is at risk of incurring further maintenance requirements, potentially costing the Council further money. There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified once the roofing works start that was not previously apparent.

	A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once the safeguarding fencing works commence. 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 the health and safety risk associated with the continued existence of the building remains.</p> <p>To not use BBLP and further undertake a tendering process to appoint a new contractor. However this is not recommended as time and cost will increase, which is not acceptable to meet the demand of the work required already set out.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

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Date: 30 September 2020