

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £215,264 from the Capital Maintenance Schools' Budget for Roofing works to Clehonger Primary School.
Date of decision:	15 December 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:	Stoney Street
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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award Balfour Beatty the contract to complete the roofing works up to the value of £210,464, to include a contingency of up to £19,133. 2. To authorise the expenditure of up to the value of £4,800 from the 2020/21 programme professional fees as set out in the Cabinet Decision. To delegate the responsibility to Capital Project Manager, responsible for managing the delivery of this Capital scheme at Clehonger Primary School to spend within the Capital Maintenance budget.
Reasons for decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clehonger Primary School had initially not been included in the planned maintenance programme 2020/21 for any works. 2. To complete the works required at Clehonger Primary School to make the building fit for purpose and to address the school's Capital Maintenance request. 3. 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. 4. The cost of the roofing works will be added to the Schools Capital Maintenance programme for 2020/21.

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified once the roofing works start that was not previously apparent.</p> <p>A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once the roofing works commence. Should this contingency be insufficient then a further officer decision will be required.</p> <p>If the roofing works are not carried out there is risk that the school will have to shut and re-accommodate pupils in mobile classrooms or other schools, which is against the objectives set out in the schools Capital Strategy.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>To decide not to progress to deliver this scheme at this time. 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>Herefordshire Council to source further quotations. This is not recommended as time will increase, which is not acceptable to meet the demand of the work required by the school.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed:

Ceri Morgan

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