

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £13,800 for accessibility improvement works at Weobley Primary School from individual pupil needs funding
Date of decision:	18 January 2021
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:	Weobley
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"> • To approve the accessibility improvement works at Weobley Primary School, to be undertaken via Balfour Beatty Living Places, at an initial cost of £12,540 plus associated contingency, professional and statutory fees. A total cost up to the value of £13,800 • Fund the works from the existing individual pupil needs budget
Reasons for decision:	Weobley Primary requires some external adaptations / modifications to enable disabled users or visitors to more easily access and enter the school. These works will consist of installing a dropped pedestrian access kerb, a dedicated disabled access parking space and improving the turning area at the front of the circle to enable easier access for vehicles.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The works can be covered within the budget available for accessibility improvement works in schools.</p> <p>There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified if the condition of the supporting and surrounding infrastructures is found to be poor. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once work on site has 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 local authority has a duty of care to children in, and visitors to, schools. The accessibility improvement works will ensure that the school can accommodate other children and visitors in the future who are in need of similar facilities.</p> <p>Undertake a different set of improvement works. The works put forward are considered the most appropriate and necessary to ensure safe access to the building and its facilities for all occupants.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Ceri Morgan

Assistant director education commissioning and skills

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