

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the expenditure of up to £2.5k for playing field drainage works at Pencombe CE Primary School from healthy schools capital funding
Date of decision:	21 January 2022
Decision maker:	Corporate Director Children and Young People
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take the decision is set out in the Herefordshire Council's Constitution – Children & Families Scheme of Delegation – paragraph 63: To ensure the school estate is not subject to decay which could put the health and safety of children at risk under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 Section 22, as amended by Education Act 2002 and Education and Inspections Act 2006.
Ward:	Hampton
Consultation:	<p>Consultation has already been done in respect of the overall programme with the Capital Strategy Consultative Group, comprising a number of headteachers and council officers, who agreed the programme as a constructive way forward for the use of the grant.</p> <p>The head teacher and governors of the school have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.</p>
Decision made:	<p>Agreement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve playing field drainage works at Pencombe CE Primary School, at a cost of no more than £2,500 including associated contingency, statutory and professional fees. • Fund the £2.5k from the existing healthy schools capital budget.
Reasons for decision:	<p>Pencombe CE Primary School has been experiencing issues with drainage in their playing field resulting in the field being out of use for a significant period of time during the year, and also water run-off down an adjoining bank onto the main road and pedestrian areas. This water run-off in particular has been causing concern in regard to health & safety of parents, children, school visitors and the community accessing the areas surrounding the school, especially during the colder months. A drainage scheme has been drawn up to catch this water run-off before it reaches the main road and pedestrian areas.</p> <p>The condition of the field is continuing to be monitored and investigated with a view to undertaking additional works in the future to address any issues uncovered.</p>

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The allocation can be covered within the healthy schools capital budget.</p> <p>There is a risk that once on site, further work is identified if the proposed intervention is insufficient or ineffective. A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen items. Should this contingency be insufficient then a further officer decision will be required.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Do nothing. This is not recommended as the playing field is in poor condition, poses a potential health and safety risk to the occupants and neighbours of the school and does not enable children to reach their full play potential.</p> <p>Undertake a different set of works at this or another school. The works put forward have been consulted upon and agreed as the most appropriate and necessary to meet the conditions of the grant.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed

Corporate Director Children and Young People

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