

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	To award a contract and approve the expenditure of up to £333k for the Boiler Programme works at various Herefordshire primary schools.
Date of decision:	12/06/2023
Decision maker:	Service Director, Education, Skills and Learning, Children and Young People
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The authority for the specified officer to take this decision as set out in the cabinet report, Local Authority School Buildings Maintenance Works, approved February 2023.</p> <p>The Corporate Director, Children and Young People be authorised to take all operational decisions relating to the award of contracts for the above programmes of work.</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=9341 Sub Delegation to Service Director to take all operational decisions relating to the award of contracts for the 2023-2026 School Capital Maintenance programme.</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=9474</p>
Ward:	Castle and Hope End.
Consultation:	<p>New Cabinet Members, Cllr Powell (Children and Young People) has been informed on the capital programme and the February 2023 Cabinet Report has been shared. A briefing is planned for Thursday 15th June 2023.</p> <p>Cllr Bramer (Community Services and Assets) has been briefed on the capital programme on Tuesday 6th June and the February 2023 Cabinet Report has been shared.</p>
Decision made:	<p>To award CF Roberts the contract for the Boiler Programme works various primary schools in Herefordshire, following a successful tender via Herefordshire Council's procurement portal.</p> <p>To approve the expenditure of up to £300,000.00 for works, which includes a contingency of up to £27,980.00</p> <p>To approve the expenditure of up to £33,000 for professional fees.</p> <p>Responsibility for monitoring the programme to be carried out by the Capital Senior Project Manager within the spend budget.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>The Boiler Programme works at various primary schools in Herefordshire are planned works included in the 2021-2023 Schools Capital Maintenance Programme, which have carried forward into the 2023-2026 Programme for delivery.</p> <p>To deliver beneficial improvements in the condition of the Council's Educational building stock, improving the educational experience for</p>

	<p>pupils within the buildings.</p> <p>To reduce ongoing building maintenance costs by addressing known defects with high maintenance cost potential and preventing further deterioration.</p> <p>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.</p>
Equality Considerations	<p>Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows: A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –</p> <p>(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;</p> <p>(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;</p> <p>(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.</p> <p>The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. Our providers will be made aware of their contractual requirements in regards to equality legislation. Any building works carried out within schools will be compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and support improved accessibility.</p> <p>The proposed capital maintenance schemes have given due consideration to equality issues particularly in relation to disability.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>By not carrying out the works the schools are at risk of incurring further maintenance requirements, potentially costing the Council further money.</p> <p>There is a risk that once on site, further works are identified once the Boiler Programme works start that was not previously apparent.</p> <p>A contingency has been allowed to cover unforeseen elements once the Boiler Programme works commence. 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 risk of these works not being completed means that the health and safety risk associated with the continued existence of the building remains.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None.</p>

Signed..... Date: 12/06/23
Liz Farr