

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**CABINET EXECUTIVE**  
**Date 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor Arwel Jones Portfolio Holder for Education

**SUBJECT:** Schools Service Major Improvements Programme 2017-20

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Included in the overall Schools Service Capital Programme is the annual Major Improvements Programme. The purpose of this programme is to carry out a range of improvement, refurbishment and upgrading works to support the School Modernisation Programme and assist the Authority in making its schools fit for purpose as detailed in the Schools Service Asset Management Plan (SSAMP) and required by the Welsh Government.
- 1.2 The Authority has in the past drawn up an annual programme but has now developed a three year programme to assist with long term forward planning and design and to provide schools with an indication as to when the Authority will be in a position to carry out projects which are required on their buildings and premises.
- 1.3 The indicative annual budget for financial year 2017/18 2018/19 and 2019/20 have been increased to £2,000,000 (CC19-2016).
- 1.4 In developing the programme consideration has been taken of the level of investment made through a schools individual delegated Repairs and Maintenance budget compared to the funds allocated for repairs and maintenance.

That any school whose expenditure on Repairs and Maintenance is less than 80% of the delegated budget for Repairs and Maintenance over a 5 year period is required to make a contribution to the total cost of any capital works included in any Major Capital Works Programme. The level of a school contribution be set at both the maximum of the difference between actual expenditure on Repairs and Maintenance and 80% of the Repairs and Maintenance delegated budget over a 5 year period.

Based on the above there are secured school contributions totalling £44,000 which have provisionally been included in this programme in 2017/18. The final figure will be agreed with the schools following the closure of the 2016-17 revenue accounts.

- a. Hafren CP secured contribution of £34,000 to re-roofing works in 2017/18
- b. Newtown PRU secured contribution to external informal social area £10,000 in 2017/18
- c. Buttington C.P. unsecured contribution of £12,000 in 2018/19 and future years for boiler replacement works

In addition there are commitments and secured contributions totalling £120,000 summarised below. These are subject to the project proposals being agreed by key parties.

- a. Llangattock C in W extension and alterations works to provide Early Years accommodation and improvements to teaching and toilet spaces:
  - A £80,000 school contribution in 2017/18.
  - A £40,000 Church in Wales secured contribution - £20,000 in 2017/18 and £20,000 in 2018/19.
- b. Llanidloes High School replacement of sports pitch – within the programme there is £70,000 commitment by the authority split over financial years 2017/18 £20,000 and 2018/19 £50,000. There is to be no expenditure of authority funding until a formalised agreement is put in place which potentially secures a wind farm developers contribution towards the total costs of this project.

- 1.5 This programme beginning in financial year 2017/18 is based on the Schools Service Asset Management Plan (SSAMP) which draws on asset condition, safeguarding, health and safety, school priorities, statutory works, environmental health requirements, suitability and sufficiency data. The Schools Service Asset Management Plan report which underpins the prioritisation and ranking of works within the Major Improvements programme from 2017/18 onwards is the subject of a separate report at today's meeting.
- 1.6 The Schools Service Capital Programme is managed by an Officer group chaired by the Senior Manager – Central Support Services and includes Officers from Property, Buildings, Finance and others. **Appendix A** outlines the proposed Major Improvements Programme for the financial year 2017-18 recommended by the Officer group.
- 1.7 **Appendix A** also shows proposed programmes and proposals for financial years 2018-2019 and 2019-20, these remain provisional and incomplete and are intended to give an indication to Schools as to when the Authority may be able to address their particular needs. These proposals are still provisional and will be subject to amendment/addition depending on changes in circumstances, priorities and available budgets.
- 1.8 A sum of £173,050 has been retained at this stage in financial year 2017/18 and in subsequent financial years an indicative sum of £200,000 in 2018/19

and 2019/20 as a contingency to cover for emergencies, unforeseeable and legislative requirements and budget fluctuations.

## **2. Proposal**

- 2.1 The Major Improvements Programme for financial year 2017-18 as attached in **Appendix A** be approved.

## **3. One Powys Plan**

- 3.1 The proposed Major Improvements Programme will support the corporate improvement plan priority of ensuring learning opportunities for all and this priority has been encompassed within the learning in the community improvement priority of the One Powys Plan.

## **4. Options Considered/Available**

### **4.1 RE: FIT programme**

This report and programme has been developed in conjunction with the Corporate Property Energy Officer and the RE: FIT programme as referenced in C239-2015.

The authority is engaging in a procurement process with RE: FIT Cymru to procure a contractor to deliver energy efficiency works in selected county offices and schools. It is envisaged there will be a number of phases where energy consumption improvements will be made to the most inefficient buildings. Viable projects will require a justifiable and affordable payback through the REFIT scheme and it is anticipated the first phase of work will be identified by August 2017.

The proposals being funded in the Major Improvements programme for financial year 2017/18 and future financial years may in some instances overlap with the RE: FIT programme and it is proposed that a further paper is brought to the Cabinet when appropriate to approve any changes to the programme in Appendix A.

### **4.2 Business Justification Case to Welsh Government**

There are two schemes being considered in the programme by the Schools Service for Business Justification Case (BJC) through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools and class size funding streams. These schemes are:

1. Llangattock V.A. School – extension and alterations works to provide Early Years accommodation and improvements to teaching and toilet spaces by September 2018.
2. Llanelwedd C in W School – New Early Years accommodation by September 2017.

If BJC projects are successfully funded, then projects planned for 2018/19 in Appendix A will be brought forward including:

- Upgrading the existing shared Llanidloes C.P. and Llanidloes High School kitchen and dining facilities accommodation to provide separate dining and kitchen facilities on each school site.
- Phase 1 - Refurbishment of infant toilets at Treowen C.P. School

## **5. Preferred Choice and Reasons**

- 5.1 Implementation of the programme to progress the School Modernisation agenda and improve the quality of the Authority's school buildings.

## **6. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc.**

- 6.1 Wherever practicable, projects within the programme will meet current sustainability standards. Those projects with a focus on heating and other energy consuming areas will contribute to the Authority's targets for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.

## **7. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

- 7.1 The projects in this programme will contribute towards improving the physical environment in which children/young people are taught and ensuring, as far as possible, that school buildings comply with all relevant regulations, health and safety standards and respond to safeguarding issues.

## **8. Local Member(s)**

- 8.1 The Major Improvements Programme is intended to apply with equal force across the whole county.

## **9. Other Front Line Services**

- 9.1 Any proposals within the programme which affect or impact on front line services have been the subject of officer discussion and agreement will be reached to ensure a viable and justifiable business case.

## **10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

- 10.1 The Capital and Financial Planning Accountant supports the allocations in the Programme. The budgets are included in the Capital Strategy recommended to the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

10.2 Legal comments the recommendations can be acceptable from a legal point of view.

10.3 Corporate Property comments that Strategic Property have supported school services to undertake their Asset Management Plan. The works identified are supportive of their Asset Management Plan and will ensure that these schools are fit for purpose for the future.

**11. Public Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc.**

11.1 Not applicable.

**12. Corporate Communications**

(The views of the Senior Communications Manager must be set out here)

12.1 Communications comments the report is of considerable public interest and requires use of proactive news release and use of appropriate social media to publicise the recommendation and decision.

**13. Statutory Officers**

(The views of both the Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) and the Monitoring Officer **must** be set out below)

13.1 The Strategic Director, Resources (S151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

13.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

**14. Members' Interests**

(To be completed by the Monitoring Officer)

14.1 The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<b>1. That the Major Improvements Programme for financial year 2017-18 as set out in Sections 1.4, 1.8, 2.1 and Appendix A be approved.</b>	<b>To progress the School Modernisation Programme and meet Welsh Government fit for purpose objectives</b>
<b>2. That the Portfolio holder for education in consultation with the Head of Schools has delegated authority to make changes to the Major Improvements Programme</b>	

<b>that are within budget.</b>	
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<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	School Modernisation and Schools Service Asset Management Plan		
<b>Within Policy:</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Within Budget:</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	David Thompson and Schools Capital & Revenue Programme Officers group
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017 onwards

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**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**

CC19-2016 – approval of £1m additional funding to the Schools Major Improvements programme in financial years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

C239-2015 RE: FIT programme