

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET EXECUTIVE

Date 5th March 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander Portfolio Holder for Education

SUBJECT: Schools Service Major Improvements Programme 2019-2020

REPORT FOR: Decision

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 improvements, refurbishments, DDA, Early Years and upgrading works to support the School Transformation and 21st Century Capital Programme and to improve the overall building stock and assist the Authority in making its schools fit for purpose as detailed in the Schools Asset Management Plan (SAMP).

1.2 The Authority last financial year drew up a five year programme of work, however this report will focus on an annual programme for financial year 2019/2020 given the pressures on funding. The previous programme provided 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. This list of projects will be maintained.

1.3 The indicative annual budget for financial year 2019-2020 is £2,000,000 with the annual funding in the following years reducing to £1,000,000 in financial years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

1.4 In developing the programme consideration has been taken of the level of investment made directly through a schools individual delegated Repairs and Maintenance budget compared to the funds delegated for repairs and maintenance (C38-2017).

The Cabinet has previously approved this comparison process (C38-2017) where 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 is to be set at the difference between actual expenditure on Repairs and Maintenance and 80% of the Repairs and Maintenance delegated budget over a 5 year period.

- 1.5 This programme beginning in financial year 2019-2020 is based on the current SAMP which draws on asset condition, safeguarding, energy consumption data, sustainability, health and safety, school priorities, statutory works, environmental health requirements, suitability and sufficiency data. The SAMP underpins the prioritisation and ranking of works within the Major Improvements programme from 2019-2020.
- 1.6 The Schools Service Capital Programme is managed by an Officer group chaired by the Schools Capital and Property Manager and includes Officers from Property, Buildings, Finance and others. Officers from HoWPS attend the meeting for scheme specific discussions. **Appendix A** outlines the proposed Major Improvements Programme for the financial year 2019-2020 recommended by the Officer group.
- 1.7 **Appendix A** is for financial year 2019-20. Proposals for future financial years 2020-2021 onwards have been ranked and these are still provisional and will be subject to amendment/addition depending on changes in circumstances, priorities and available budgets. The programme is also subject to the outcome and decisions around School Transformation proposals that emerge over the period of the programme.
- 1.8 A sum of £179,974 has been retained at this stage in financial year 2019/20 as a contingency to cover for emergencies, unforeseeable and legislative requirements, budget fluctuations and improvement works required to accommodate the RE-FIT programme for energy improvements.
- 1.9 There are project savings of £65,000 in financial year 2018/19 which are highlighted in green fill within Appendix A. It is recommended these savings are approved and rolled forwards from financial year 2018/19 and into 2019/20 as part projects in financial year 2019/20 and Appendix A.

2. **Proposal**

- 2.1 The Major Improvements Programme for financial year 2019-2020 as attached in **Appendix A** be approved.

3. **Options Considered/Available**

3.1 **RE: FIT programme**

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

The authority is working with the chosen contractor to finalise and validate the Investment Grade proposals for each of the sites which will inform the viability of the business case to deliver energy efficiency works in selected county offices and schools.

Viable projects will require a justifiable and affordable payback period through the REFIT scheme. The Schools Service, Schools Finance Team and individual schools will approve the projects and it is proposed these proposals will be presented by the Corporate Energy Officer in a separate report to the Cabinet.

The types of energy efficiency improvement work included to schools are installation of LED lighting to rooms, insulation of boiler system pipework, Building Management System and boiler controls, zone controls to radiators, solar PV and domestic hot water heaters. All Project Management consultancy fees for managing the project have been included in the business case and within this report an allowance has been made within the overall programme contingency for consequential alterations to accommodate the energy improvement works.

Subject to approval of business cases, the schools included are:

- Crickhowell CP School
- Crickhowell High School
- Knighton C in W School
- Llanidloes C.P. School
- Llanidloes High School
- Llanfair Caereinion C.P. School
- Llanfyllin High School
- Newtown High School
- Newtown High School - John Beddoes Campus
- Penygloddfa CP School
- Presteigne C.P. School
- Rhayader C in W School
- Welshpool High School
- Ysgol Calon Cymru (Builth Wells & Llandrindod Wells sites)
- Ysgol Rhiw Bechan
- Ysgol Bannau

It is anticipated that the first tranche of work if approved by the authority, will be undertaken and completed during financial year 2019-2020.

The proposals being funded in the Major Improvements programme for financial year 2019-2020 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.

3.2 Welsh Government Capital

The authority is also applying for capital funding from the Welsh Government as new initiatives and capital programmes are announced. These include:

3.2.1 Voluntary Aided Schools Capital bids

The authority has support the diocese application for Voluntary Aided Schools Welsh Government Capital funding for re-roofing works to the main Grade II Listed school building. If the bid is successful, then the authority will have to make a contribution of £16,038 in financial year 2019/20 and £37,422 in financial year 2020/21 based on agreed criteria for contribution. It is proposed to fund this contribution from the programme contingency.

The authority has received confirmation from the diocese for St. Michaels (Voluntary Aided) School of a £15,705-45 contribution from their WG CRAMPS Capital funding in financial year 2018-19 towards the construction of new safeguarding fencing at the school.

The authority has received confirmation from the diocese for St. Michaels (Voluntary Aided) School of a £3,451-95 contribution from their WG CRAMPS Capital funding in financial year 2019-20 towards the installation of a new LPG tank as part of boiler upgrade works at the school.

3.2.2 Feminine Hygiene and toilet facilities Capital bids

The authority has received capital funding of £32,226 in financial year 2018/19 from the Welsh Government to improve feminine hygiene and toilet facilities. The proposal is the grant will be used to fund improvements and upgrading of junior toilet facilities as part of the Llangattock C in W School extension and alterations works. This funding has been included within the budget approved for the Llangattock project.

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 4.1 Implementation of the programme to progress the School Modernisation agenda and improve the quality of the Authority's school buildings as detailed in **Appendix A**

5. Impact Assessment

- 5.1 An impact assessment is not required as there is no change of objective of budget saving.

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

- 6.1 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.

7. Local Member(s)

- 7.1 The Major Improvements Programme has been developed against the agreed scoring and prioritising matrix and will be applied equally across the whole county.

8. Other Front Line Services

- 8.1 The recommendation does not impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council.
- 8.2 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.

9. Corporate Communications

- 9.1 Communications comment: The report is of public interest and requires use of proactive news release and appropriate social media to publicise the decision.

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

- 10.1 Finance comments....Dawn Richards
- 10.2 Legal comments.....Clive Pinney
- 10.3 Corporate Property comments.....Natasha Morgan
- 10.4 Catering Services comments had no comments to add to this report.
- 10.5 HR comments...????John Bevan

11. Scrutiny

The report has not been scrutinised.

12. Statutory Officers

- 12.1 The Head of Financial Services (Acting S151 Officer) comments....Jane Thomas
- 12.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows.....Clive Pinney

13. Members' Interests

- 13.1 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.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>1. That the Major Improvements Programme for financial year 2019-2020 as set out in Sections 1.4, 1.8, 1.9, 2.1 and Appendix A be approved.</p> <p>2. That the Portfolio holder for education in consultation with the Head of Learning has delegated authority to make changes to the Major Improvements Programme that are within budget and in accordance with Capital Budget virement rules for approval.</p> <p>3. That project savings of £65,000 in financial year 2018-2019 and as set out in Section 1.9 and highlighted in green fill within Appendix A, are approved and rolled forwards from financial year 2018-2019 and into 2019-2020.</p>	<p>To progress the School Transformation Programme and meet Welsh Government fit for purpose objectives</p>

Relevant Policy (ies):	School Modernisation and Schools Asset Management Plan		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	Not applicable
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	David Thompson and Schools Capital & Revenue Programme Officers group
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	From 1 st April 2019 onwards

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

9th October 2018 – Schools Asset Management Plan

C239-2015 RE: FIT programme