

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L06 23/24

Decision				
1	Title of decision: School Condition Summer Works Programme			
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council			
3	Report author and contact details: Ian Baker, T +441752307320, E ian.baker@plymouth.gov.uk			
4	Decision to be taken: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Business Case; 2. To delegate the awarding of contracts to the Service Director of Education, Participation and Skills where they would not have the authority to do so; 3. Allocates the Condition Programme of £223,511.59 to the Capital Programme, financed by DfE School Condition Grant (90%) and Schools Contributions (10%); 4. Allocates a further £200,000.00 to the Capital Programme, financed by DfE School Condition Grant for Emergency School Condition Works. 			
5	Reasons for decision: To carry out the proposed Programme of Summer Condition Works, removing / reducing the H & S issues to increase the life expectancy of the school building by reducing condition damage and making the schools watertight. The schools require maintenance which is sometimes unaffordable, as the LEA we are responsible for ensuring that the schools are maintained to a safe standard which ensure public, staff and students' health and safety, enabling them to work in appropriately maintained buildings.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: <p>Option 1 Do Nothing. This option was discounted for all sites because of the Health and Safety issues.</p> <p>Option 2 Close the school and transport children to other schools. This option was discounted because of the increased transport cost and the disruption in education this would cause for all pupils. It would also have an adverse effect on staff employed at the various sites.</p>			
7	Financial implications and risks: The funding for the proposed works is currently in the budget (and does not require capital borrowing) and is for maintaining the condition of the school premises. The risks of not undertaking the proposed works is that schools would have to close part of their buildings, leading to a loss of education for some pupils. Other risks are that the pupils, staff and general public would be at risk when using the buildings, potential health & safety risks.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision

	(please contact Democratic Support for further advice)			is one which:
			x	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
			x	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	N/A		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	<p>Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city. The proposal supports the diversity of Plymouth, ensuring that all pupils, regardless of gender or disability have access to suitable buildings supporting a brilliant start in education:</p> <p>Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024. These proposals contribute to the right to all of our staff to deliver education in suitable premises.</p> <p>The proposal utilises the Education Condition funding from the DfE to ensure suitable facilities, reducing financial risk to the Council, with no Financial Borrowing.</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Well maintained buildings reduce the overall carbon emissions.</p> <p>Reduces energy usage and costs.</p> <p>Providing an environmentally friendly solution. Reducing pupil travel to outside city locations.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	x	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee			

	name:	
	Print Name:	
Consultation		
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Cresswell, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	06 July 2023
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name Sharon Muldoon
		Job title Director of Children's Services
		Date consulted 06 July 2023
Sign-off		
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory) DS18 23/24
		Finance (mandatory) DJN23.24.64
		Legal (mandatory) iw/05.07.23/1941
		Human Resources (if applicable)
		Corporate property (if applicable)
		Procurement (if applicable)
Appendices		
17	Ref.	Title of appendix
	A	Briefing report for publication
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment
	C	School Condition Business Case
Confidential/exempt information		
18a	Do you need to include any	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II')

	confidential/exempt information?	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.							
Title of background paper(s)		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature								
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature			Date of decision	17/07/23				
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE							