



CABINET – 30TH MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: EDUCATION CAPITAL 2016/17

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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- 1.1 The attached report was considered by the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee on the 23rd February 2016. The report updated Members on the proposals for the 2016/17 Education Capital Programme.
 - 1.2 The report outlined proposals for the allocation of the Education Capital Budgets for the 2016/17 financial year in the context of the 3 year Capital Programme 2016/17 – 2018/19. Members were advised that a sum of £2m toward electrical rewiring works in schools had been allocated from the agreed programme amount and the detailed proposals from the available residual capital budget were noted.
 - 1.3 Members sought clarification with regard to the progress of electrical testing programme and were advised that all secondary schools had been tested, 15 primary schools had initially been tested as well and all remaining schools are being tested this academic year. Officers confirmed that partial rewiring works had been identified in some secondary schools but no whole school rewiring works had been identified.
 - 1.4 Clarification was also sought in relation to the date of the most recent schools condition survey and were advised that this had last taken place in 2014. It was noted that despite challenges the stock was in reasonably good condition.
 - 1.5 Members referenced the revenue/capital 50/50 budget and whether all bids received under this allocation could be accommodated. Officers confirmed that the budget could sustain all the bids received (assuming the £50,000 is allocated from LMS contingency) and if approved by Cabinet, works would commence within the first few months of the new financial year, subject to consultation with the schools and their individual works plan.
 - 1.6 Having fully considered the report and the proposals to utilise the Education Capital Budget for 2016/17 it was moved and seconded that Cabinet be advised of the endorsement of the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.
 - 1.7 Members are asked to consider the report and note the endorsement of the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee.
 - 1.8 In so doing, Members are also requested to agree the utilisation of £50,000 of LMS contingency funds to support 50/50 schemes, if required, as referenced in paragraph 4.12 of the report.

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Appendix 1 The Education for Life Scrutiny Committee Report dated 23rd February 2016.