



EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT: EDUCATION CAPITAL 2023/24

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE
SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members on the projected spend and individual school proposals identified under the 2023/24 Education Capital Programme.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report identifies the proposals for the allocation of Education Capital Budgets for the 2023/24 financial year in the context of the 3 year Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To inform members on the proposals to utilise the Education Capital Budget for 2023/24.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure members are kept informed of the individual schools identified as part of the 2023/24 Education Capital Programme.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 Special Council, at its meeting on 24th February 2022 considered its medium term financial strategy 2022/23 - 2024/25. This included a 3 year forward capital programme for Education. The Authority's 2023/24 capital budget included an allocation of £1.422m for Education & Lifelong Learning. To advise Members the breakdown of how this sum has been allocated has been updated as follows:

Health & Safety Regulation Works	£321,000
Basic Needs Accommodation	£250,000
School Security	£101,000
School Asset Management	£550,000
School Boiler Replacement Programme	£200,000
Total	£1,422,000

5.2 The proposals for the 2023/24 budget are outlined in detail below. Education colleagues have worked closely with the Council's Health & Safety, Decarbonisation, Energy and Building Consultancy teams when determining the priority projects.

5.3 Additional Accommodation £250k

5.3.1 It is proposed that a rolling programme is established for the replacement of ageing demountables with permanent builds on school sites, the locations of which are to be identified year on year subject to need.

5.4 Asset Management £550k

5.4.1 The following schemes have been identified through consultation with Health and Safety, Property Services and relevant schools:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Bid Description</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>LA Cost</u>
<u>Primary</u>			
Machen Primary	Classroom floor replacement	£55,630	£55,630
Maesycwmmmer Primary	Roofing (reception block)	£44,500	£44,500
Pentwynmawr Primary	Upgrade switchgear	£16,690	£16,690
St. Gwladys Primary	Internal classroom adaptations	£83,440	£83,440
Tir Y Berth Primary	Roofing	£11,130	£11,130
Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn	Rewiring	£33,380	£33,380
<u>Secondary</u>			
Lewis Girls	Upgrade of cable	£27,820	£27,820
Newbridge	Roofing (tech block)	£200,250	£200,250
Total		£472,840	£472,840

5.5 Health & Safety £321k

5.5.1 The recommended allocation is as below:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Bid Description</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>LA Cost</u>	<u>School Cost</u>	<u>Risk Mgt</u>
Primary					
Cwm Ifor Primary	Resurfacing	£22,500	£11,250	£11,250	N/A
Cwmaber Junior School	Resurfacing	£20,000	£7,775	£7,775	£4,450
Cwmcarn Primary	Resurfacing (nursery)	£13,350	£6,675	£6,675	N/A
Pantside Primary	Resurfacing (nursery yard)	£66,750	£33,375	£33,375	N/A
St Gwladys Primary	Resurfacing	£62,560	£31,280	£31,280	N/A
Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Derwen	Additional Toileting in reception	£33,380	£16,690	£16,690	N/A
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Y Castell	Resurfacing	£20,000	£10,000	£10,000	N/A
Secondary					
Bedwas High	Facias, soffits and guttering	£38,940	£19,470	£19,470	N/A
Bedwas High	Resurfacing	£44,500	£14,833	£14,833	£14,834
Bedwas High	Toilets	£139,070	£69,535	£69,535	N/A
Heolddu School	Resurfacing	£38,940	£19,470	£19,470	N/A
Heolddu School	Toilets	£94,570	£47,285	£47,285	N/A
St Cenydd Community School	Ventilation	£44,500	£22,250	£22,250	N/A
Total		£639,060	£309,888	£309,888	£19,284

Figures shown are the gross scheme costs.

5.6 School Security £101k

5.6.1 The recommended allocation is as below:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Bid Description</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>LA Cost</u>	<u>School cost</u>	<u>Risk Mgt</u>
Primary					
Derwendeg Primary School	CCTV	£33,380	£16,690	£16,690	N/A
Markham Primary School	Site Security	£16,690	£5,564	£5,563	£5,563

Nant-y-Parc Primary School	CCTV	£31,150	£15,575	£15,575	N/A
Tyn Y Wern Primary	Site Security	£22,250	£11,125	£11,125	N/A
Ty Sign Primary	Site Security (Fencing)	£11,236	£5,618	£5,618	N/A
Waunfawr Primary	Site Security	£16,690	£5,564	£5,563	£5,563
Ysgol Ifor Bach	CCTV	£27,820	£13,910	£13,910	N/A
Secondary					
Heolddu Comprehensive	Site Security	£17,800	£5,934	£5,934	£5,934
St Martin's School	Site Security	£12,240	£4,080	£4,080	£4,080
Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni - Y Gwyndy	CCTV	£18,090	£9,045	£9,045	N/A
Total		£207,346	£93,104	£93,102	£21,140

Figures shown are the gross scheme costs.

5.7 School Boiler Replacements £200k

5.7.1 Schemes are identified as follows:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Bid Description</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>LA Capital Cost</u>
Secondary			
Newbridge	Heating/ pipework replacement	£111,250	£111,250
Total		£111,250	£111,250

5.8 Revenue

5.8.1 A revenue budget of £346k, forms part of the Education & Lifelong Learning 2023/24 budget. This budget is utilised to support 50/50 building related schemes with schools.

5.8.2 Subject to approval to use these balances, it is proposed to utilise these monies to support schemes funded 50/50 with schools, as below:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Bid Description</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>LA Cost</u>	<u>School cost</u>
Primary				

Hendre Infants	Internal classroom adaptations (nursery)	£11,130	£5,565	£5,565
Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn	Windows	£11,130	£5,565	£5,565
Twyn Primary School	Internal room adaptations	£33,380	£16,690	£16,690
Secondary				
Bedwas High School	Science lab reconfiguration	£152,810	£76,405	£76,405
Islwyn High School	Internal room adaptations	£13,910	£6,955	£6,955
Risca Community Comprehensive School	Internal classroom adaptations	£44,500	£22,250	£22,250
St Cenydd Community School	Internal room adaptations	£44,500	£22,250	£22,250
St Cenydd Community School	Science lab	£155,750	£77,875	£77,875
St Cenydd Community School	Flooring	£26,700	£13,350	£13,350
Total		£493,810	£246,905	£246,905

Figures shown are the gross scheme costs.

5.9 Conclusion

The above proposals result in uncommitted sums of circa £14.4k against Health & Safety budget, £7.8K against the Schools Security budget, £77k against Asset Management, £88K against School Boiler budget and £99k against the Revenue 50/50. This will allow for any small project variations and mitigate against risks linked to market forces at present, monies will be kept in the balance as a contingency for any urgent spends, tender increases or in year projects.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 The above figures are indicative costs based on input from the Building Consultancy team and Health and Safety. The assumption is made that the actual cost of the works will come in line with the estimates. A contingency has been factored in as part of the uncommitted sums as summarised in 5.9 for any unforeseen factors.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment is not required as this report is for information purposes only.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 These have been outlined in the report.
- 8.2 The report sets out the present proposals for the 2023/24 financial year.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 No direct personnel implications.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 The draft report was distributed as detailed below. All comments received have been reflected in this version of the report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
The Learning and Skills Act 2000.
Equality Act 2010.

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None