

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property
Date:	12 October 2022
Title:	Managing Hampshire's Built Estate
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. **The decision:**

That the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property:

- 1.1 Notes that since the last report to the Panel, the Director of Adult Services has allocated £2.4 million from departmental cost of change reserves to be focused on further addressing health and safety priorities across its portfolio of buildings. Individual programmes of work will be approved within Chief Officer Delegations.
- 1.2 Approves the provision of £600,000 of additional Schools Condition Allocation (SCA) funding for the replacement roofing project at Stoke Park Infant School, identified in the 2022/23 CCBS capital programme, giving a revised total scheme value of £1,900,000 as set out in paragraph 24 and in the updated project appraisal within Appendix 3
- 1.3 Notes Hampshire County Council's ongoing programme of decarbonisation including the conclusion of phase one of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Programme (PSDS) with £29.4million of grant funding invested across the Corporate and Schools' estates.
- 1.4 Approves the proposal at paragraph 40 to consolidate the remaining £1.45 million of Energy Performance Programme funding to support the County Council's decarbonisation programme and delegates the commitment of this funding to individual projects to the Director of Communities, Culture and Business Services.

- 1.5 Approves the proposal at paragraphs 41 to 43 to allocate £500,000 within the SCA programme to create a revolving fund to enable schools to undertake energy efficiency projects.
- 1.6 Notes the ongoing challenging construction industry market conditions and the associated impacts on the supply chain and work being delivered across the County Council's built estate.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 Following confirmation of the high-level repairs and maintenance budget allocations for the corporate and schools' estates in June, Property Services has continued delivery of work to address the highest maintenance priorities across the corporate and schools' estates to ensure that the built estate is maintained in a safe, compliant and operationally effective condition to support the delivery of the County Council's services.
- 2.2 A further phase of priority work is to be carried out on the Adult Health and Care estate, funded from departmental cost of change reserves. This comprehensive programme will increase the pace at which of repairs and maintenance liabilities on critical items such as fire safety, legionella management and infection control across their portfolio of buildings can be progressed. It will also enable the wider repairs and maintenance budget to be directed at completing more of the highest priority works elsewhere on the corporate estate.
- 2.3 Although good progress is being made on delivery of the planned maintenance programmes, the rising costs and other difficulties in the construction market are becoming increasingly challenging and beginning to create some reports of contractor insolvency. Property Services continues to work to manage these issues with its suppliers and progress work, where value for money can be assured, to minimise disruption to building users.
- 2.4 To help mitigate the impacts of exponential increases in energy costs and recognising the broader need to reduce consumption and reliance on fossil fuels, Property Services continues to progress and adapt its own Energy Performance Programme and seek further grant funding to accelerate the pace of change.
- 2.5 The completion in June of the £29.4 million PSDS grant funded work is a good step forward; and further bids to new phases of the scheme are now being made. Beyond this external funding, innovative ways for existing budgets to be consolidated or used differently are being identified. This will enable further piloting of new technologies and create an affordable scheme for schools to progress self-funded energy improvement work. Maintaining momentum in decarbonisation is critical in support of the County Council's target for net zero emissions by 2050.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

12 October 2022

**Councillor S Forster
Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates
and Property**