

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property
Date:	14 June 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 the confirmed funding allocations for the 2022/23 repairs and maintenance programmes for the corporate and schools' estates and approves the revised high level budget allocations.
- 1.2 Notes that the detailed programmes of works within each budget allocation will be approved by the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services under Chief Officer financial delegations.
- 1.3 Approves the provision of £963,500 of additional Schools Condition Allocation (SCA) funding for the planned "SCOLA" recladding project at Nightingale Primary School, identified in the 2022/23 CCBS capital programme, giving a revised total scheme value of £2,478,000 as set out in paragraph 28 and in the project appraisal within Appendix 3.
- 1.4 Notes that the bid for Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) funding to develop the pilot heat decarbonisation project at Heatherside Junior School was unsuccessful and therefore to continue to progress the pilot, £425,000 of Schools Condition Allocation (SCA) funding will be approved under Chief Officer Delegation and added the 2022/23 CCBS capital programme as set out in paragraph 31 and in the project appraisal within Appendix 3.
- 1.5 Notes that the programme of work delivered via the PSDS completes at the end of June.

1.6 Notes the update on the construction industry market conditions and associated impacts on work being delivered across the County Council's built estate.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 Following approval of the high-level repairs and maintenance budget allocations for the corporate and schools' estates in April, Property Services has begun 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 The Schools Condition Allocation (SCA) grant was recently confirmed at £23.084 million and the overall Service Level Agreement (SLA) pooled fund for repairs and maintenance on the school's estate set at £14.209 million. A reconciliation of carryover from the 2021/22 budgets has been completed and the final budgets for both the schools and corporate estates are confirmed in this report, with programmes of work adjusted to match the confirmed funding.

2.3 More than £29.4 million of PSDS grant funded investment in the County Council's corporate and schools' estates is nearing its completion at the end of June 2022. This programme of energy saving measures to reduce carbon emissions supports the County Council's climate change strategy and is improving building condition and reducing the associated health and safety risks across the estate.

2.4 The County Council continues to progress a strategy of decarbonisation of the built estate alongside its planned work to address maintenance liabilities. The SCOLA re-cladding project at Nightingale Primary School has been refined in scope since originally presented to the Panel to improve its immediate carbon efficiency and align with government guidance on ventilation, thermal comfort and indoor air quality in schools. This scheme also includes considerations that will facilitate further heat decarbonisation in due course, through the replacement of gas boilers with heat pumps, at such time as condition necessitates or new grant funding becomes available.

2.5 It was recently announced that the County Council's most recent bid for funding under the PSDS was unsuccessful, with the scheme significantly oversubscribed. The work to evaluate the benefit of ground-source heat pump technology to replace gas boilers at Heatherside Junior School (as noted to the panel in April), remains of value and a summary of the planned alternative SCA funded pilot is noted in Appendix 3.

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:

14 June 2022

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