

**SCHOOLS FORUM
3 MARCH 2011**

**SCHOOL PLANNED MAINTENANCE
(Director of Children Young People & learning)**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consult Schools' Forum on the proposed approach to school planned maintenance from April 2011.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the Schools Forum AGREES that from April 2011, community and voluntary controlled schools should contribute to the costs of planned maintenance as set out in the body of the report.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **The LA has a duty to consult the Schools Forum on school funding matters. Planned maintenance is a significant issue for schools for the continuing safe and effective operation of school buildings.**

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The options for schools are set out in the body of the report.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 5.1 Planned Maintenance is capital repairs over £2,000 that can be foreseen and planned for, such as roof replacements, boiler replacements etc. These works are essential to ensure safe and continuous operation of school buildings.
- 5.2 Priorities and estimated costs are identified in condition surveys of each school undertaken by the Council's Building Group, and are summarised in the Children Young People & Learning Department's Asset Management Plan (AMP).
- 5.3 A summary of school condition works from the 2010 AMP is attached as APPENDIX A. There is £13.7m of identified condition works across all schools of which £4.2m is Priority 1 (Urgent).
- 5.4 Through its annual capital programme, the Council aims to improve the condition of all school buildings by supporting the continuation of a centrally managed Planned Maintenance Programme, subject to the availability of funds. However in recent years the Council has had insufficient resources to fully fund all priority 1 condition items for schools and schools have largely funded this work from their devolved budgets.

Changes to Government Funding

- 5.5 The Forum will be aware from previous reports that the new coalition government has reviewed and revised the allocation of capital grant funding available for planned maintenance to schools and LAs for 2011/12, and this has been set out in Table One below alongside the 2010/11 funding for comparison.

Table One: Funding Available for Planned Maintenance

FUNDING SOURCE	2010/11 £000	2011/12 £000
MAINTAINED SCHOOLS		
DFE Capital Maintenance Grant	£0	£2,041
DFE Devolved Formula Capital Grant	£1,586	£310
Less draw down into 2009/10	-£740	£0
BFC Capital Programme	£200	£0
Sub Total:	£1,046	£2,351
VA SCHOOLS		
DFE LCVAP Grant	£415	£366
DFE Devolved Formula Capital Grant	£290	£58
Sub Total:	£705	£424
TOTAL FUNDING:	£1,751	£2,775

Maintained Schools

- 5.6 Schools Forum will be aware that Devolved Formula Capital grant (DFC) is also used for works other than planned maintenance including compliance works, upkeep of ICT, suitability and disabled access. With these competing priorities, maintained schools are only spending approximately 36% of their DFC budgets on condition works.
- 5.7 The overall level of available funding available for Schools Planned maintenance has increased by 124% from 2010/11 to 2011/12.
- 5.8 As in previous years, the funding available in 2011/12 is still insufficient to meet all of the Priority 1 (urgent) condition works in schools.
- 5.9 Less than half of the Priority 1 items can be met from the LA funding, so a joint approach is required between the LA and schools in prioritising and targeting the available resources to ensure we maintain our assets and also spending to government guidelines.
- 5.10 The LA will adopt the following approach:
- Building condition surveys will continue to be used to identify, prioritise and estimate the cost of planned maintenance works, and these are in the process of being updated.

- b. The Council will target its resources on the most urgent items, giving priority to compliance, health & safety and those items that have been judged to carry significant risk of disruption to school operations or school closures.
- c. Where the Council undertakes works in a school the school will be expected to contribute 10% of the cost from its Devolved Capital Funding, up to a maximum ceiling of 75% of their Devolved Formula Capital allocation.
- d. The contribution referred to above in c. will be subject to abatement where a school has previously agreed with the Council for the allocation of its Devolved Formula Capital to an alternative capital project.
- e. The balance of schools Devolved Formula Capital funding will be for the individual school to prioritise. The LA will continue to advise schools to prioritise DFC firstly on Health & Safety/Compliance works, secondly on addressing as many outstanding Priority 1 items as possible.

VA Schools

- 5.11 The overall level of available funding for VA Schools is sufficient to meet all of the identified Priority 1 Condition items.
- 5.12 Proposed Approach: The LA will continue to work with the Diocesan Surveyors to allocate LCVAP to support VA Schools with their Priority 1 (Urgent) condition items.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Legal Comments have been incorporated in this report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The financial implications arising from this report are set out in the supporting information.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not required

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 The risk of not addressing urgent planned maintenance items is assessed as HIGH, for the LA and for Schools. A co-ordinated approach to target limited resources is essential to mitigate this risk.
- 6.5 The staffing capacity risk of the 2011/12 LA budget not being spent is assessed as MEDIUM, and arrangements are being made to ensure that adequate resources are in place.
- 6.6 The risk of inaccurate or out of date condition survey data is assessed as MEDIUM because no condition surveys were undertaken in 2010. Condition survey updates are being obtained from Building Group on which the funding decisions will be based.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Schools (Bursars, Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors)
- 7.2 Officers (Admissions & Property, Building Group, Chief Officers and Directors)

Method of Consultation

- 7.3 Schools: Emails, and presentations.
- 7.4 Officers: Meetings

Consultation Responses

- 7.5 Maintained Schools were consulted about the proposal for a 10% contribution to LA funded planned maintenance works. 5 schools responded (18%), all of which were in favour of the proposal.
- 7.6 A number of schools raised concern about the accuracy of their condition survey data given that no new surveys were undertaken in 2010. Condition survey updates have been commissioned and these will be copied to schools.

Background Papers

Appendix A Summary of Condition Surveys Works

The following are also available:
CYPL Asset Management Plan
Individual School Condition Surveys

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APPENDIX A: Summary of Identified Condition Need in Schools

School	Priority 1	Priority 2-4	Total
Maintained Schools			
Ascot Heath CE Infant School	£70,000	£33,120	£103,120
Ascot Heath CE Junior School	£77,843	£124,715	£202,558
Birch Hill Primary School	£25,000	£658,353	£683,353
Brakenhale Secondary School	£510,500	£818,890	£1,329,390
College Hall PRU	£7,800	£32,450	£40,250
College Town Infant School	£111,500	£74,037	£185,537
College Town Junior School	£72,300	£87,010	£159,310
Cranbourne Primary School	£112,200	£411,230	£523,430
Crown Wood Primary School	£43,475	£286,390	£329,865
Crowthorne CE Primary School	£159,875	£337,775	£497,650
Easthampstead Park Comm. Col.	£69,500	£643,860	£713,360
Edgbarrow Secondary School	£129,850	£1,099,300	£1,229,150
Fox Hill Primary School	£36,000	£30,420	£66,420
Garth Hill College	£0	£0	£0
Great Hollands Primary School	£384,830	£212,650	£597,480
Harmans Water Primary School	£6,600	£500,050	£506,650
Holly Spring Infant School	£71,900	£92,270	£164,170
Holly Spring Junior School	£240,480	£105,990	£346,470
Kennel Lane Special School	£292,359	£103,775	£396,134
Meadow Vale Primary School	£90,400	£202,075	£292,475
New Scotland Hill Primary School	£53,000	£90,800	£143,800
Owlsmoor Primary School	£6,000	£103,270	£109,270
Pines (The) Primary School	£13,500	£111,050	£124,550
Sandhurst Secondary School	£354,500	£580,600	£935,100
Sandy Lane Primary School	£728,475	£745,086	£1,473,561
Uplands Primary School	£174,700	£158,700	£333,400
Warfield Primary School	£2,600	£24,050	£26,650
Whitegrove Primary School	£18,000	£30,330	£48,330
Wildmoor Heath	£41,000	£102,350	£143,350
Wildridings Primary School	£27,970	£405,965	£433,935
Winkfield St Marys CE P. Sch.	£15,500	£77,040	£92,540
Wooden Hill Primary School	£65,760	£174,559	£240,319
Total	£4,013,417	£8,458,160	£12,471,577
VA Schools			
Binfield CE Primary School	£31,300	£193,420	£227,920
Jennetts Park CE Primary School	£0	£0	£0
St Josephs RC Primary School	£24,375	£109,450	£143,615
St Margaret Clitherow RC P. Sch.	£26,260	£27,310	£76,170
St Michaels (East) CE P. Sch.	£19,800	£79,060	£233,660
St Michaels (Sand) CE P. Sch.	£98,060	£223,275	£367,185
Ranelagh (Aided) Sec. School	£8,500	£77,325	£190,825
Total:	£208,295	£709,840	£1,239,375