

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
DECISION MAKERS:	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 9 September 2017	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2997
TITLE:	Swainswick C.E Primary School – Replace Modular Buildings	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: None		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To address condition and health and safety issues at Swainswick C.E Primary School by replacing two modular ‘Elliott’ buildings with two new permanent classrooms and adding toilet facilities.
- 1.2 To improve the school estate and ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe secure environments.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is asked to;

- 2.1 Give full approval to spend £723,000 2017-18 Schools Capital Maintenance Grant to replace two very poor condition modular buildings with two new classrooms and toilet facilities.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 There are no revenue implications, revenue funding for pupil places is provided by the Department for Education (DfE) through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) on a per pupil basis.

- 3.2 The DfE currently allocate Schools Capital Maintenance Grant funding to local authorities in order to maintain the school estate.
- 3.3 Schools Capital Maintenance Grant funding of £1,093,560 in 2017/18 has been received from the Department for Education (DfE).
- 3.4 Provisional approval for this project with an estimated capital budget of £750,000 was given at the Council's 2017-18 Budget meeting on 14th February 2017. Following that provisional approval the project costs have been identified as £723,000 therefore £27,000 will be returned to the Capital Maintenance Grant for 2017-18 as unallocated.
- 3.5 The project budget identified is in line with current cost estimates and contains project contingency.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Council's statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for its area (Section 14 Education Act 1996), Children, Equalities, Planning, Social Inclusion, Property, Impact on staff, sustainability.
- 4.2 The Council undertakes to ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe secure environments.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The very poor condition of two modular Elliott (Temporary) buildings was identified including health and safety concerns around the stability of the buildings.
- 5.2 The two modular Elliott buildings in question are 30 and 40 years old.
- 5.3 A full Feasibility Study which included an independent Condition Survey concluded that the buildings had reached the end of their serviceable and economic life.
- 5.4 Children have no toilet facilities or hot water provision in the modular buildings and currently have to negotiate an outside steep path and steps to use the facilities in the main school in all weathers.
- 5.5 The scheme will replace the two modular Elliott buildings with new permanent classrooms to include toilet facilities. This will provide robust, well designed classrooms and facilities which will be a lasting asset to the School and the local community.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 The Council retains the legal responsibility to provide sufficient pupil places in its area.
- 6.2 The Council undertakes to ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe and secure environments.
- 6.3 Schools Capital Maintenance Grant funding is made available to local authorities to address the condition and maintenance needs of the school estate.

6.4 The scheme is required as the two poor condition modular classrooms at the School have reached the end of their serviceable and economic life and do not have toilet and hot water facilities.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 The option to repair and refurbish the modular Elliott buildings was explored under the Feasibility Study. An independent building condition survey concluded that the buildings had reached the end of their economic life and should be replaced.

7.2 Repair and refurbishment did not address the lack of toilet and hot water facilities in the buildings.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 A PID was presented to and approved by Divisional Directors on 8th August 2017.

8.2 The Strategic Director for People & Communities has been consulted, is supportive of the project and has reviewed this report.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	<u>Council's 2017-18 Budget Report - 14th February 2017</u>
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