Bath & North East Somerset Council

Decision Register Entry

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference

E2997

Swainswick C.E Primary School – Replace Modular Buildings

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
The Issue	To address condition issues at Swainswick C.E Primary School by replacing two modular 'Elliott' buildings with two new permanent classrooms and adding toilet facilities. To improve the school estate and ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe secure environments.
Decision Date	11 September 2017
The decision	The Cabinet Members agree to spend £723,000 2017-18 Schools Capital Maintenance Grant to replace two modular buildings with two new classrooms and toilet facilities at Swainswick C.E Primary School.
Rationale for decision	The Council retains the legal responsibility to provide sufficient pupil places in its area and undertakes to ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe and secure environments. Schools Capital Maintenance Grant funding is made available to local authorities to address the condition and maintenance needs of the school estate. 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.
Financial and budget implications	There are no revenue implications. Schools Capital Maintenance Grant funding of £1,093,560 in 2017/18 has been received from the Department for Education (DfE). Provisional approval for this project with an estimated capital budget of £750,000 was agreed in the Council's 2017-18 Budget Report. 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. The project budget identified is in line with current cost estimates and contains project contingency.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations.
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Project Initiation Document approved by Divisional Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer.

Other options considered	The option to repair and refurbish the modular Elliott buildings was explored under a Feasibility Study. It concluded that the buildings had reached the end of their economic life and should be replaced. Additionally repair and refurbishment of the modular buildings did not address the lack of toilet and hot water facilities.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	The nature of interest and whether interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an-other interest, including any conflict of interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests). Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of their staff before taking the decision.
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	

Signatures of Decision Makers	Delete these red notes: NB: If a joint decision, then ALL decision makers must sign the SAME sheet	
Date of Signature		
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