

Single Member Cabinet Decision

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| Executive Forward Plan Reference | 3030 |
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**Twerton Infant School – Replace Prefabricated Pratten
Building**

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| Decision maker/s | Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency |
| The Issue | <ul style="list-style-type: none">To address condition, health and safety issues at Twerton Infant School and replace a prefabricated Pratten building (“Pratten”) with a refurbished modular building.To improve the school estate and ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe secure environments. |
| Decision Date | 22 nd January 2018 |
| The decision | The Cabinet Members agree to give full approval to spend £325,000 Schools Capital Maintenance Grant to replace the poor condition Pratten building at Twerton Infant School. |
| Rationale for decision | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Council retains the legal responsibility to provide sufficient pupil places in its area.The Council 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 poor condition of the Pratten at Twerton Infant School is now sufficiently advanced that the building can no longer be maintained and needs to be replaced. |
| Financial and budget implications | <ul style="list-style-type: none">There are no revenue implications.Schools Capital Maintenance Grant has been allocated to the Council in order to maintain the school estate and the project will be funded from Schools Capital Maintenance Grant balances held.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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Council’s statutory duty to provide sufficient school places.The Council undertakes to ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe secure environments. |
| Consultation undertaken | Ward Councillors; Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer. |
| How consultation was carried out | <ul style="list-style-type: none">A Project Initiation Document (PID) was presented to and approved by Divisional Directors on 12th December 2017.The Strategic Director for People & Communities has been consulted, is supportive of the project. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has visited the school and been briefed on the condition of the Pratten. • The s151 and Monitoring Officers have had opportunity to review and input into the Single Member Report. |
| Other options considered | The feasibility study initially explored options to replace the Pratten with a new or factory refurbished modular building. A Council owned unit became available while the feasibility study was being carried out. The option to transfer the Council owned unit from another school; to refurbish and extend that unit was taken forward as the best option with regard to best value and best use of existing resources. |
| Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted: | <i>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.</i> |
| Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision: | |

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| 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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