

TITLE OF REPORT: School Capital Programme 2021/22

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Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Cabinet of those schemes included within the School Capital Programme for financial year, 2021/22 and to be delivered by Gateshead Construction Services through the negotiation of tenders for capital works within school premises and contained within the overall budget limit.

Background

2. As of 1 April 2021, The Gateshead Housing Company was brought back into the Council and in doing so, enables the Council to self-deliver capital works within maintained Gateshead schools, through negotiated tenders and in-house delivery with Gateshead Construction Services.

Proposal

3. Cabinet is requested to note those schemes detailed within Appendix 1.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Cabinet authorise the Service Director, Property, Assets & Traded Services, to accept tenders and place orders for works with Gateshead Construction Services, for the schemes detailed in Appendix 1, subject to the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance approving the form of contract in accordance with the Constitution.

For the following reason:

To enable projects to progress and to avoid delay in delivery of the school's capital programme and its related expenditure.

Policy Context

1. The proposal is consistent with the overall vision for Gateshead as set out in the Thrive Agenda. In particular, creating the conditions for economic growth and improving health and wellbeing. The delivery of the capital programme is a fundamental element in the achievement of the Council's policy objectives

Background

2. As of 1 April 2021, The Gateshead Housing Company was brought back into the Council and in doing so, enables the Council to self-deliver capital works within maintained Gateshead schools, through negotiated tenders with Gateshead Construction Services.
3. The Council's Contract Procedures (Rule 5) capital and minor works valued below £3 million, in the first instance, be offered to Gateshead Construction Services to be negotiated by the Strategic Director, Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities.
4. To ensure compliance with these arrangements the relevant officers are seeking authorisation for the transactions with Gateshead Construction Services contained in the attached schedule at Appendix 2.

Consultation

5. In preparing this report, consultations have taken place with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members for Children and Young People.

Alternative Options

6. There are no alternatives proposed.

Implications of Recommended Option

7. **Resources:**
 - a. **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Resources and Digital confirms that the costs associated with the contracts are within the approved budget allocation within the Council's capital programme.
 - b. **Human Resources Implications** – There are no human resources implications arising from this report.
 - c. **Property Implications** – The schemes have been prioritised from elemental survey of the condition of all community schools. The work is essential work that will prevent serious deterioration of the fabric or service and/or address a risk to the health and safety of occupants and/or remedy a less serious breach of legislation.

8. **Risk Management Implication** – There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report.
9. **Equality and Diversity Implications** – There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.
10. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.
11. **Health Implications** – There are no health implications arising from this report.
12. **Climate Emergency and Sustainability Implications** – There are no climate emergency and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.
13. **Human Rights Implications** – There are no human rights implications arising from this report.
14. **Ward Implications** - Low Fell, Felling, Pelaw & Heworth, Lobley Hill & Bensham.
15. **Background Information**

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APPENDIX 2

Contracts with the Gateshead Construction Services relating to the acceptance of tenders and placing orders for works within Gateshead schools, 2021/22:

SCHOOL	SCHEME	CONTRACT VALUE £,000s
Bill Quay Primary	Rewire	£330
Falla Park Primary	Heating Distribution	£256
Lobley Hill Primary	Rewire	£300
Colegate Primary	Lighting / Toilet Refurbishment	£27
Larkspur Primary	Boiler Replacement	£115
Swalwell Primary	Lighting / Ceilings / Flooring	£195
South Street Primary	Toilet Refurbishment	£45
The Drive Primary	Window Replacement	£154
Windy Nook Primary	Ceilings / Lighting / External Doors	£106