

TITLE OF REPORT: School Capital Programme 2024/25

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Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Cabinet of those schemes included within the School Capital Programme for financial year, 2024/25 and to seek approval for the proposed management, procurement and delivery of schemes 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 April 1st 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 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.

APPENDIX 1

Policy Context

1. The proposal is consistent with the overall vision for Gateshead as set out in Vision 2030 and 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

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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.

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 1

Consultation

3. No consultations have taken place

Alternative Options

4. There are no alternative alternatives proposed

Implications of Recommended Option

5. Resources:

- a) **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Corporate 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 surveys of the condition of all community schools. The work is essential work that will prevent serious deterioration to 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.

6. **Risk Management Implication** - There are no risk management implications arising from this report.
7. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.
8. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.
9. **Health Implications** – There are no health implications arising from this report.
10. **Climate Emergency and Sustainability Implications** - There are no climate emergency and sustainability implications arising from this report.
11. **Human Rights Implications** - There are no human rights implications arising from this report.
12. **Ward Implications** - Birtley, Pelaw and Heworth, High Fell, Windy Nook & Whitehills, Winlaton and High Spennings, Deckham, Felling, Whickham South and Sunnyside
13. **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, 2024/25:

School	Scheme	Budget Value
Bill Quay Primary School	Heating Distribution & Convectors	£240,038.00
Fell Dyke Community Primary School	Rear Boiler House Replacement	£106,332.00
** Furrowfield School **	Re-wire (including lighting upgrade)	£707,259.00
Glynwood Community Primary School	Lighting Replacement (including emergency lighting & ceilings)	£56,395.00
Kelvin Grove Community Primary School	Window & Door Replacement (Full)	£ 409,408.52
Parkhead Community Primary School	Fire Alarm Upgrade	£121,697.00
** South Street Community Primary School **	Re-wire & Partial Ceiling Replacement	£520,490.00
The Drive Community Primary School	Distribution Pipe Work	£81,382.00
Whickham Parochial C of E Primary School	Boiler Replacement	£137,066.00
Whickham Parochial C of E Primary School	External Drainage	£20,000.00

** Schemes exceeding £500k