



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES PLANNED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INCLUSION SERVICES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR J BONETTO

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The report provides Members with details of the capital works for approval for 2022/23 as part of the Council's three-year Capital Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve the Education Capital Programme priority schemes for 2022/23 as outlined in Appendices 1-10 and approve scheme commencement.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 An ongoing programme of work is required in school premises to deal with essential condition and health and safety issues across the school estate, to ensure school buildings are 'safe, watertight and warm'.

3.2 These works will support schools with effective maintenance that will continue to reduce the risks associated with buildings and building services and help to prevent the need for significant capital expenditure and disruption to children's education which can follow with building failure.

3.3 To continue to deliver the Council's long term school modernisation improvement programme supporting one of the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities: 'Prosperity – Creating the opportunity for people and businesses to: be innovative; be entrepreneurial; and fulfil their potential and prosper'.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members will be aware that an amount of £8.230M has been allocated to the planned capital programme (minor works) for 2022/23, as agreed by Cabinet on the 28th February 2022.
- 4.2 The continuation of the three-year rolling Capital Programme and sustaining the level of funding will continue to make significant enhancements to the quality of our school premises and has been a vital part of the Council's School Modernisation Programme in order to prepare schools for the new Curriculum for Wales.
- 4.3 Fit for purpose school buildings is important to ensure that the Council can focus on maximising educational outcomes in these challenging times and improve all of our schools by creating 21st Century learning spaces. This includes delivering modern, water tight and warm classrooms, rich with ICT and improved energy efficiency which drives down our CO₂ emission's contributing to the Council's 2030 net zero carbon target.
- 4.4 Improving our school estate also supports schools, and the Council, with delivering the Welsh Government's Community School Initiative, embedding schools at the heart of society, ensuring that our schools are used for the wider benefit of the communities directly served by their schools. This will allow increased access and participation through the provision of good quality facilities enabling enrichment and facilitating extra-curricular activities such as access to halls for music, drama, play, classrooms for learning, spaces for meetings and recreational for sport, which will support our communities to become vibrant, and provide safe meeting and learning environments.
- 4.5 This funding will also ensure that the Council supports the local supply chains and local construction industry, supporting small businesses at the heart of our communities by providing local employment.
- 4.6 In framing options for the planned capital works programme, the following factors have been taken into account:
- The results of the Property Condition Surveys and further investigation works by Council surveyors and engineers.
 - Delivering priorities set out in the Service Asset Management Plan in line with the Corporate Asset Management Plan.
 - ESTYN Inspection Reports.
 - Health and Safety considerations.
 - Reducing energy and carbon.
 - Refurbishing classrooms to provide flexible creative teaching spaces in preparation for the new Curriculum for Wales 2022.
 - Investing in adaptations to schools to assist pupils with mobility and other accessibility needs to promote inclusion.
- 4.7 The programme has been divided into categories identifying the nature of the works considered to be a priority.

5. CATEGORIES WITHIN THE PROGRAMME

5.1 The table below sets out the proposed allocation of the planned capital programme funds now available to spend in 2022/23.

SPEND CATEGORY	£M
Kitchen Refurbishments/Remodelling	0.250
Window & Door Replacements	0.163
Essential Works	0.496
Electrical Rewiring	0.312
Fire Alarm Upgrades	0.150
Toilet Refurbishments	1.170
Equalities Act/Compliance Works	0.225
Education & Inclusion Access Condition Surveys	0.097
Boiler Replacement	0.950
Roof Renewal	2.555
Asbestos Remediation Works	0.900
21 st Century Classroom Upgrade	0.566
Improvements to Schools	0.100
Capitalisation of IT Hardware/Software & Licences	0.296
Total	8.230

5.2 Appendices 1–10 set out programmes of work for each category included above, with the exception of Education & Inclusion Service Access Condition Surveys, Asbestos Remediation Works, Improvements to Schools and Capitalisation of IT Hardware/Software and Licences.

5.3 The following narrative summarises the required investment and intended outcome of each Spend Category:

- **Kitchen Refurbishments/Remodelling**

A rolling programme of replacement kitchens is required to maintain the current capital asset of school buildings and assist with much needed improvements, contributing towards the implementation of the Welsh Government 'Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards and Requirements) (Wales) 2013'. Appendix 1 provides Members with a list of identified schemes.

- **Window & Door Replacements**

A rolling programme of replacement windows and doors is required to improve the energy efficiency, and in doing so reduce energy costs, and maintain the current capital asset of school buildings. Appendix 2 provides Members with a list of identified schemes.

- **Essential Works**

Members will be aware of the amount and value of outstanding historical maintenance works required to the buildings in the Education and Inclusion Services portfolio. Appendix 3 provides Members with a list of priority works, considered essential to maintain a 'safe, watertight and warm' environment

for all users.

- **Electrical Rewiring**

Appendix 4 provides Members with details of Education establishments that require electrical rewiring.

- **Fire Alarm Upgrades**

Appendix 5 provides Members with details of schools that require fire alarm upgrades from manual to automatic detection systems in order to comply with current legislation.

- **Toilet Refurbishments**

Appendix 6 provides Members with details of schools that require refurbishment to comply with The Education (School) Premises Regulations 1999, the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and to support the recommendations in the report 'Lifting the Lid on the Nation's School Toilets' produced by the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

- **Equalities Act/Compliance Works**

An allocation of funding has been set aside to continue with works as and when deemed necessary to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Appendix 7 provides Members with a list of identified schemes.

- **Equality and Access Condition Surveys**

Continuation of Phase 2 access condition surveys to all Primary schools to improve accessibility throughout the Education estate in order to comply with the Equality Act 2010.

- **Boiler Replacement**

A significant number of systems are reaching the end of their useful life, therefore, it is considered prudent to fund a rolling programme of replacement to assist with the reduction in energy and carbon emissions. Appendix 8 provides Members with a list of identified schemes.

- **Roof Renewal**

Again it is considered prudent to allocate funding to ensure a rolling programme is maintained. Appendix 9 provides Members with a list of identified schemes.

- **Asbestos Remediation Works**

An allocation of funding has been earmarked to continue essential asbestos remediation works, following the results of recent asbestos surveys commissioned by the Council, and to progress a programme of replacement CLASP buildings affected by asbestos.

- **21st Century Schools Classroom Upgrades**

Upgrading existing classrooms to create 21st Century learning spaces that will assist schools in delivering the new curriculum providing vibrant modern, water tight and warm classrooms, with additional ICT infrastructure. Appendix 10 provides Members with a list of identified schemes.

- **Improvements to Schools**
Under accounting regulations, certain expenditure that was previously charged directly to the revenue budget is now shown in the Capital Programme, whilst still being funded from revenue.
- **Capitalisation of IT Hardware/Software and Licences**
An allocation of funding has been committed for on-going hardware, software and licences to support essential data systems such as SIMS (Schools Information Management System).

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 6.1 The proposed schemes have given due consideration to equality issues, particularly in relation to access to our school premises. Schools are a key part of our communities and as such it is important that they are well maintained, accessible and 'fit for purpose'.
- 6.2 As this report isn't seeking permission to implement a proposal in respect of a change of function, service, strategy or policy, it is deemed that an EqlA is not required in this instance.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 As this report is not seeking permission to implement a proposal in respect of a change of function, service, strategy or policy, it is deemed that a Welsh Language Impact Assessment is not required in this instance.

8. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT

- 8.1 There are no consultation requirements arising from this report. However, subject to the decision of Cabinet, further collaboration will be undertaken with each school setting to deliver the agreed programme of works in a suitable and mutually agreed time period.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The funding allocation to support spend categories contained within this report was agreed by Cabinet on 28th February 2022 as part of the three-year Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25. This report does not commit any additional spend over and above this agreed allocation.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1 The legislation considered in compiling this report is the 'Keeping Learners Safe' - the role of local authorities, governing bodies and proprietors of independent schools under the Education Act 2002.

11. LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN/OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

11.1 There are links to RCTCBC's Corporate Plan for the period between 2020 to 2024, specifically the priority:

- Prosperity – Creating the opportunity for people and businesses to be innovative, entrepreneurial and fulfil their potential and prosper
 - ensuring we have good schools, so all children have access to a great education.

11.2 Due regard has been made to all seven wellbeing goals and the Five Ways of Working, as contained within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, which requires the Council to think about the long-term impact of decisions, on communities to prevent consistent issues such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

This proposal would contribute to achieving the wellbeing goals by:

- Planning for the 'long term', helping to 'prevent' problems occurring or getting worse in the future and delivering services in 'collaboration' with others.

This proposal would achieve the five ways of working by:

- Improving school environments that can deliver the new Curriculum for Wales.
- Improving sustainability of school buildings in the Council portfolio through a commitment to reducing our carbon emissions.
- Provide first class learning facilities for pupils and the wider community and contribute towards a healthier Wales by providing additional facilities for pupils.
- Contributing towards a prosperous Wales by committing to opportunities for local tradespeople and to use local resources, wherever possible to undertake the works to schools.

12. **CONCLUSION**

12.1 The projects identified in the planned capital programme can be committed and delivered within the financial year and will have an immediate impact on improving the fabric of schools, enhancing the learning environments both internally and externally, providing improved facilities for the schools' and communities that they serve. A coherent plan of expenditure will contribute to improvements in a wide range of physical environments benefiting pupils, staff, young people and members of the public.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers:

Cabinet 28th February 2022: The Council's Three Year Capital Programme 2022/23 – 2024/25

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APPENDIX 1: Kitchen Refurbishments/Remodelling

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary	Dining centre refurbishment	100,000
Treorchy Comprehensive	Complete refurbishment of kitchen 1 and external cladding	50,000
Various schools	Upgrade serveries	50,000
Various schools	Electric oven installations	50,000
	Total	250,000

APPENDIX 2: Window and Door Replacements

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Mountain Ash Comprehensive	Phase 2 windows and curtain walling	70,000
St John Baptist Church in Wales High School	Phase 2 windows	50,000
Various schools	External doors	43,000
	Total	163,000

APPENDIX 3: Essential Works

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Dolau Primary	Internal adaptations to create a classroom	20,000
Llantrisant Primary	Land drainage	30,000
Penderyn Primary	External works - retaining wall	40,000
Pengeulan Primary	Continuation of external works, repointing and internal modifications	66,000
Maes-Y-Coed Primary	Retaining wall and safeguarding work	30,000
Alternative Curriculum and Music Service Hub (former Pontypridd Library building)	Internal remodelling works	100,000
Treorchy Primary	External redecoration	30,000
Ysgol Llanhari	Remove redundant chimney stack	20,000
Ysgol Nant-Gwyn	Modifications to traffic management arrangements	30,000
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen	External redecoration	30,000
St John Baptist Church in Wales High School	Safeguarding works	100,000
	Total	496,000

APPENDIX 4: Electrical Rewiring

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary	Perimeter and emergency lighting	10,000
Blaengwawr Primary	Electrical rewire	25,000
Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary	Block 1 rewire power/lighting plus associated works	40,000
Darrenlas Primary	Electrical rewire - phase 1	40,000
Penderyn Primary	Lightening protection	10,000
Llanhari Primary	Electrical rewire - phase 1	45,000
Trehopcyn Primary	Electrical rewire - phase 1	42,000
Tref-Y-Rhyg Primary	Electrical rewire - phase 2	50,000
Various schools	Internal/external escape lighting	35,000
Ysgol Llanhari	Electrical rewire	15,000
	Total	312,000

APPENDIX 5: Fire Alarm Upgrades

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary	Fire alarm upgrade (2 blocks)	18,000
Maes-Y-Coed Primary	Fire alarm upgrade (3 blocks)	22,000
Mountain Ash Comprehensive	Fire alarm upgrade main block	45,000
Treorchy Comprehensive	Fire alarm upgrade phase 3 (admin block 3B, main and lesser halls & gymnasium)	50,000
Various Schools	Fire escape lighting	15,000
	Total	150,000

APPENDIX 6: Toilet Refurbishments

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Aberdare Park Primary	Refurbishment to foundation phase toilets	30,000
Blaengwawr Primary	Refurbishment to toilets and creation of hygiene room	60,000
Brynnau Primary	Refurbishment works to pupil toilets	50,000
Cefn Primary	Minor refurbishment to junior boys and girls toilets	40,000
Coedpenmaen Primary	Refurbishment to toilets	40,000
Cwmdar Primary	Refurbishment to junior toilets	50,000
Gelli Primary	Refurbishment to infant toilets	25,000
Llanhari Primary	Refurbishment to nursery and infant toilets	50,000
Llwyncrwn Primary	Refurbishment to foundation phase toilets	50,000
Mountain Ash Comprehensive	Upgrade boys and girls toilets on ground floor	50,000
Parc Primary	Refurbishment to foundation phase toilets	25,000
Penrhiwceibr Primary	Refurbishment to junior toilets	40,000
Pontypridd High School	Refurbishment to KS3/4 toilets and changing rooms	170,000
Penrhys Primary	Refurbishment to toilets, including DDA facilities	40,000
Pontygwaith Primary	Refurbishment to boys toilets	20,000
St John Baptist Church in Wales High School	Refurbishment to pupil toilets	40,000
Trehopcyn Primary	Refurbishment to toilets	50,000
Trerobart Primary	Refurbishment to toilets	30,000
Ysgol Garth Olwg	Replace cubicles for floor to ceiling anti-bullying open plan cubicles	60,000
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt	Refurbishment to infant and girls toilets	50,000
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn	Refurbishment to foundation phase & KS2 boys and girls toilets	120,000
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen	Refurbishment to boys and girls toilets; and nursery toilets	50,000
Ysgol Hen Felin	Refurbishment of toilets and hygiene room 6 th form	30,000
Total		1,170,000

APPENDIX 7: Equality Act/Compliance Works

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Blaengwawr Primary	New DDA compliant toilets for learning support class	30,000
Various schools	Installation of handrails to support access	50,000
Various schools	Upgrading hygiene areas	50,000
Various schools	Ramps for DDA access	50,000
Various schools	Classroom adaptations for learning support classes	45,000
	Total	225,000

APPENDIX 8: Boiler Replacement

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Cwmlai Primary	New heating system	40,000
Glenboi Primary	Boiler replacement	100,000
Hafod Primary	New carbon neutral heating system (phased)	150,000
Llwynypia Primary	New carbon neutral heating system (phased)	150,000
Maerdy Primary	Boiler replacement	50,000
Maesgwyn Special School	Boiler replacement	50,000
Maes-Y-Coed Primary	Boiler replacement	80,000
Penyreglyn Primary	Boiler replacement	50,000
Pontygwaith Primary	New fan convectors	40,000
St Michael's Roman Catholic Primary	Boiler replacement	40,000
Trehopcyn Primary	Boiler replacement	50,000
Tylorstown Primary	Boiler replacement	50,000
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llwyncelyn	Boiler replacement	50,000
Various Schools	Hot water boilers/ventilation	50,000
	Total	950,000

APPENDIX 9: Roof Renewal

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Abernant Primary	Roof repairs, new fascias, rain water goods and ceiling tile works	70,000
Caradog Primary	Roof replacement - phase 2	150,000
Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic Comprehensive	Remove chimney stack and renew curtain walling	70,000
Cwmclydach Primary	Replacement dining room roof	100,000
Darren Park Primary	Roof insulation to main teaching block	30,000
Ferndale Comprehensive	Replace roof, to the drama and hall block	200,000
Glenboi Primary	Roof replacement - flat roof to tower block	100,000
Gwauncelyn Primary	Roof replacement - phase 3	100,000
Hafod Primary	Roof replacement - phase 1 & repointing works	150,000
Llwynypia Primary	Roof works and repairs to rainwater goods	100,000
Miskin Primary	Roof replacement - phase 1	75,000
Pengeulan Primary	Roof replacement - phase 1	120,000
	Roof replacement - phase 2	175,000
Penrhiwceibr Primary	Roof replacement - junior block	175,000
Pontygwaith Primary	Roof replacement - infant block and repointing works to junior block	120,000
Ton Pentre Infants	Replacement roof	175,000
Ton Pentre Junior	Replacement rainwater goods	100,000
Tref-y-Rhyg Primary	Roof replacement - phase 1	100,000
Treorchy Comprehensive	Replacement roofs - blocks 1 and 2, curtain walling to block 1	245,000
Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg Llantrisant	Roof replacement - phase 2	100,000
Various Schools	Repairs to rainwater goods	100,000
	Total	2,555,000

APPENDIX 10: 21st Century Schools Classroom Upgrades

Property/School	Project	Estimated Cost (£)
Caegarw Primary	Classroom refurbishment foundation phase block	30,000
Cwmdar Primary	Internal refurbishment of classrooms	25,000
Ferndale Community School	Traffic management improvements and development of area at front of school & extend current bus turning circle	100,000
Llwynypia Primary	External works to prevent water ingress and internal refurbishment	50,000
Penderyn Primary	External decoration	40,000
Penrhiwceibr Primary	Classroom upgrades	50,000
Penyreglyn Primary	External decoration and render repairs	25,000
Trehopcyn Primary	Classroom upgrades	50,000
Treorchy Comprehensive	Replace cladding to block 6	80,000
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt	Classroom upgrades	40,000
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn	Classroom upgrades and external improvements	76,000
Total		566,000