

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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Subject:

Health and safety issues at Stanstead and Southwold Primary Schools

Total Value:

£70,000 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

- Approve the allocation of £70,000 from the Health and Safety Contingency Fund to further investigate health and safety issues identified at Stanstead and Southwold Primary Schools.
- Approve the procurement of a contractor through the Council's Minor Works Frameworks or other approved procurement route (Repairs & Maintenance Framework) to undertake investigative works and delivery of the final works, supported by the Council's Design Services Team.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)** Health and safety issues have been identified at the following two schools:

**1. Southwold Primary**  
A number of brick cladding panels at Southwold Primary School have moved out of alignment and the concrete copings have been displaced. These structural issues need to be addressed promptly to ensure the safety of children is not compromised as bricks may fall on children or staff members.

In order to determine the extent of the works required to address these issues, investigative works are required to assess the condition of the wall structure behind the panels.

Part of the funding requested will be used to procure a contractor through the Council's Minor Works Scheme or other approved procurement route (Repairs & Maintenance Framework) to carry out the initial investigative works.

**2. Stanstead Primary**  
Since January 2014, the external brickwork cladding panels at Stanstead Primary School have been closely monitored for structural damage. Recently, these have been getting worse with the formation of cracks and fragments of masonry falling off. These are linked to the corrosion of the reinforcement within the exterior brickwork panelling. These issues need to be resolved on health and safety grounds. Investigative works are required to assess the condition of the wall structure behind the panels.

Some cladding panels are in very poor conditions and these need to be removed with new, suitably designed, panels to be erected. In the short term, whilst the investigative works are being undertaken, temporary boarding are required to replace the worst affected panels.

Part of the funding requested will be used to procure a contractor through the Council's Minor Works Scheme or Repairs and Maintenance Framework to carry out the investigative works and to install temporary boarding.

**Other Options Considered:** Do nothing - this is not a viable option as works are required to address health and safety issues at the schools.

**Background Papers:** None.

**Published Works:** None.

**Affected Wards:** Bulwell Forest, Leen Valley

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** None.

**Consultations:** Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** None

<b>Equality:</b>	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment_Stanstead_Southwold_V1281116.doc
<b>Social Value Considerations:</b>	
<b>Relates to Council Property Assets:</b>	Yes
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	05/01/2017
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity, Property, Other: Asaad Raof(asaad.raof@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<p>This report raises no significant legal issues.</p> <p>Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 23/12/2016.</p>
<b>Finance Advice:</b>	<p>This capital project is being funded from the Health and Safety Contingency fund. The Health and Safety contingency fund was approved at Executive Board on 17 May 2016, this meeting approved setting aside £207k of the School Condition Funding in 2016/17. This decision will leave the 2016/17 Health and Safety contingency fund with a uncommitted balance of £67k.</p> <p>Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 06/12/2016.</p>
<b>Procurement Advice:</b>	<p>Both the in-house design team and the Council's Minor Works framework agreement provide compliant routes for the works to be undertaken. Should any procurement(s) be required as a result of changes to the proposal or any further decisions taken, formal tender exercises should be carried out in conjunction with the Procurement Team and in line with Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations.</p> <p>Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 06/12/2016.</p>
<b>Equality and Diversity Advice:</b>	<p>There are no significant equality considerations beyond what is expected re: procurement and ensuring that there is diversity amongst contractors.</p> <p>Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 28/11/2016.</p>

**Other Advice:**

**Building Services are aware of the project and relevant officers involved in providing technical advice and support. Original comments provided have been addressed. It is understood that the costs indicated are for; providing a temporary fix to the worst affected panels, investigation works and associated professional fees. It is understood costs are not for providing a permanent fix to the issues identified which will be addressed in a future phase of the project.**

**Advice provided by Asaad Raouf, Design Services Manager, Design Services (C&O Dept)**

**Property Advice:**

**I have no legal or property observation to make on the basis the property is owned by NCC and obviously the works required Planning and Building Regulation approvals as necessary.**

**Advice provided by Peter Taylor (Senior Surveyor) on 01/12/2016.**

**Signatures**

**Jon Collins (Leader of the Council)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 23/12/2016**

**Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)**

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