

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE – 1 AUGUST 2006

2006/07 EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the allocation of the remaining £300,000 of the 2006/07 Education capital programme and to vire funds between projects

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 21 March 2006 Education Committee agreed the proposed capital programme and School Fund allocations for 2006/07. A sum of £300,000 remained uncommitted at that point as further consideration was required to examine a number of potential projects which could be undertaken and completed in 2006/07.
- 2.2 In addition an underspend balance of £88,206 from the 2005/06 programme has subsequently been carried forward into 2006/07.
- 2.3 The electrical rewiring works at Onthank Primary and Patna Primary could not be designed and completed during the summer of 2006 and have accordingly now been rescheduled for the summer of 2007. This has resulted in a further £180,000 becoming available to be spent in 2006/07.
- 2.4 The available spend for consideration is therefore £568,206, being the total of the unallocated balance, the 2005/06 underspend carry forward and the virement of the Patna and Onthank Primary's allocation.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Projects for consideration are detailed in Table 1 below. All the projects can be carried out without any adverse impact on the operation of the establishments concerned.

Table 1 :- Projects for Consideration

Establishment	Project Description	Estimated Cost
Muirkirk Primary	Window and external cladding replacement	£350,000
Lainshaw Primary	Completion of replacement window programme	£100,000
Mount Carmel Primary	Completion of replacement window programme	£40,000
Drongan IFE Wing	Internal refurbishment including DDA facilities	£78,206
TOTAL		£568,206

- 3.2** The funding allocated to Lainshaw and Mount Carmel Primaries will complete the window replacement programmes at those particular establishments. At Muirkirk Primary the condition of the windows and external aspect of the building are showing major signs of deterioration and need to be addressed.
- 3.3** In order to meet DDA obligations an internal refurbishment of the IFE at Drongan Primary is necessary. The condition of the wing is such that major work is required to create disabled hygiene facilities, improved access to the wing and to upgrade the internal fabric. This will improve access to the building and promote community learning within Drongan.
- 3.4** These decisions are supported by the condition survey information held within the School Estate database.

4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Virements over £50,000 must be approved by Committee under section 5.3 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

5. COMMUNITY PLANING IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** This report will assist the Council in meeting the following aspects of the Community Plan :-
- Improving opportunities;
 - Improving community learning; and
 - Improving the environment.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** It is recommended that Members of the Committee:
- (i) Approve the allocation of remaining 2006/97 capital programme funds to the projects listed in section 3.1 of this report;
 - (ii) Agree the rescheduling of Onthank and Patna electrical upgrades until summer 2007;
 - (iii) Agree the virement of funds from Onthank and Patna Primary projects; and
 - (iii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Education Committee – 21 March 2006 (Agenda Item 17a)

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