

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – CABINET MEMBER

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member, Children and Education Services
2.	Date:	16th February 2015
3.	Title:	Aston Lodge Primary School – Replace Nursery
4.	Directorate:	Audit and Asset Management

5. Summary:

The nursery building at Aston Lodge Primary school is in very bad condition and emergency repairs had to be carried out in the summer of 2014. The building is past its useful life and is recommended that it be replaced.

6. Recommendations:

- **That the report is received and approval given to include in the CYPS capital programme for 2014/15 and 2015/16.**

7. Proposals and Details:

The nursery provision at Aston Lodge is key provider of FS1 places in the Aston area in which the local authority has statutory duty to provide.

RMBC Structural engineers were called to the nursery building at Aston Lodge school as gaps started to appear on the cladding system between the windows and frame due to bowing. The cladding system is suffering badly from wet rot.

The cladding system transfers the load from the roof to the foundations and was considered too dangerous to leave in it's present state. A temporary solution of timber supports have been put in place to relieve the load from the roof.

Extensive work would be needed to provide a permanent solution to the structural problems. The building is however past its useful life and a new building is proposed. Initial estimates indicate the cost of replacing the nursery would be £420,000.

8. Finance

The additional classroom has been estimated at £420,000 which will be funded by the Capital Maintenance grant from the Department for Education (DfE). Allocations for 2015/16 are now known for both capital maintenance and basic need.

9. Risks and Uncertainties:

The construction of the Nursery is an estimation, until a fully developed cost plan is developed true costs will not be known.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:

The major theme supported by the forward planning and provision of school places is 'to ensure that everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information to enable them to play their part in society'.

11. Background Papers and Consultation:

Background Papers include:

- Children & Young People's Plan
- Transforming Rotherham Learning Plan

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