

Proposed Decision to be made by the Deputy Leader on or after 24th October 2014

Capital Refurbishment at Kenilworth Children's Centre

Recommendation

The Deputy Leader gives approval to add the following proposed scheme to the 2014/15 capital programme at a total estimated cost of £19,250 (£17,479 plus professional fees at 9.7%)

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 On 15th February 2011, Council confirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by him, to approve the addition to the capital programme of projects costing less than £1.5 million which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. In this case the costs are to be funded from revenue.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 Kenilworth Children's Centre currently shares its fire exit route with that of Kenilworth Nursery School. It has been identified by Health and Safety and Fire officers that the volume of traffic via one single exit gate is excessive. Work is required to make the necessary adaptations to the entrance and exit arrangements to meet Health and Safety and Fire Office requirements. (See Appendix A). A new separate gate is to be installed which would become the general egress route, providing a dedicated entrance and exit for the children's centre. Ramped access is proposed for disabled evacuation as the existing gate will no longer be available. (See Appendix B)
- 2.2 Agreement is required to payment for this urgent work from revenue, the total estimated cost of which is £19250. The Deputy Leader is asked to approve it as an addition to the Capital Programme.

Background papers

None

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Date: 14th July 2014

Dear Sir

THE REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005
Children's Centre, Kenilworth Nursery School, Bertie Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1JP

Further to our meeting on 8th July 2014 regarding the proposed occupation of the above premises by an external agency, I now confirm the following:

The proposal to take the rear final exit from the building out of use as a fire exit is satisfactory in principle – Rachel Gillett has confirmed that this would result in a maximum single direction travel distance to the entrance door of 18m 60cm.

In order to address the dead end condition that will be created, the doors to the following rooms should be made and maintained effectively self-closing

- Seminar Room
- Health Visitor/Meeting Room
- Kitchen

The door to the cleaners store should be kept locked shut when not in use.

The rooms listed above will become inner rooms to the social/lobby area, which is considered to be satisfactory due to the existing automatic smoke detection; however, the fire loading in the social/lobby will need to be assessed and managed appropriately, subject to the findings of a Fire Risk Assessment.

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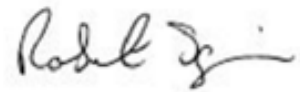
The proposal to provide a separate emergency exit gate from the Children's Centre, with steps, is considered to be satisfactory subject to a management procedure regarding disabled evacuation through the existing gate. As discussed the clear opening width of the proposed gate should be no less than 750mm.

The occupant capacity for the building should not exceed 60 (sixty) persons.

When there is more detail available regarding the proposed occupation, I will be able to provide more specific fire safety advice, as necessary.

Should you require clarification of any of the foregoing or any further Fire Safety advice please do not hesitate to contact the Officer named above.

Yours faithfully



FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
ANDREW HICKMOTT
Chief Fire Officer

