

Delegated Cabinet Member Decision Report

**Decision Maker
and Portfolio area:** Cllr Shaid Mushtaq – Cabinet member for Children and
Young People

Date of Decision:

Subject: Castleshaw centre – Roof replacement

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Ward(s) Affected: Saddleworth North

Reason for the decision: Oldham Council has secured capital funding for
from the Youth Investment Fund for the
replacement of the Stone Slate roof at the
Castleshaw centre

Summary: The Castleshaw centre is a valued asset in the
council's corporate estate that delivers a range
of services to 1000's of children and young
people in the borough every year. The building in
need of investment to ensure it is fit for purpose
and to secure its long-term viability.

The council has been successful in securing
£165,000 capital funding from the Youth
Investment fund to support refurbishment of
buildings used for delivery of youth work and
youth activities. The grant awarded is for the
funding required to replace the existing stone
slate roof at the Castleshaw centre that as it is in
poor condition.

The funding received includes:
£125,000 for roof works
£15,000 towards project management costs
£10,000 for associated overheads (including
alternative delivery venue costs, and incidental

costs incurred during refurbishment, (decoration etc)
£15,000 for contingency (a 10% allowance)

These costings are based on estimates from the structural engineer's report and our own quantity surveyors estimates and will inform the base line tender award costs.

The Roof at Castleshaw will need to be replaced in the near future – this grant provides an opportunity for us to undertake the work at no (or very little costs) to the Council and will provide longer term savings with a reduction to on going maintenance costs due to leaks and repairs needed to the current roof

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Option 1:

- a. To accept the offer of the grant
- b. That approval for all procurement and tender award activity carried out in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules and any resulting decisions relating to the necessary external support required to develop the scheme be delegated to the Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth or a nominated representative.

Option 2:

Do not accept the Grant awarded and do not replace the roof at the Castleshaw centre.

Recommendation(s):

Option 1.

The opportunity for a capital grant scheme of this type is unlikely to come again in the near future. The Investment available will save the Council having to find these funds in the future and save money from the Councils budget longer term. Without investment and redevelopment, the Centre will continue to deteriorate increasing its costs to the council and potentially ceasing to be a useable asset resulting in a loss of service to Oldham's children and young people.

Implications:

What are the financial implications?

The £165k of Capital grant funding received from the Youth Investment Fund will be used to finance Capital Works planned for the Castleshaw Centre. The total costs of the roof works will need to be met within the existing grant award as there is no other funding allocated for the project in the existing Capital Programme.

(James Postle)

What are the procurement implications?

Should the grant funding be accepted all related works and services regarding the roof replacement will need to be procured in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules of which the Commercial Procurement Unit will support with.

(Emily Molden)

What are the legal implications?

Legal Services supports the recommendation to accept the grant money. The funding is required for much needed roof repairs at Castleshaw Centre. In due course a Grant agreement will be provided by the Department of Culture which will be reviewed and signed by the Council.

(Sukie Kaur – Solicitor)

What are the Human Resources implications?

None

Oldham Impact Assessment Completed (Including impact on Children and Young People) attached or not required because (please give reason)

Not required as no negative impact to children and young people.

What are the property implications

Castleshaw Centre is part of the Council's property portfolio and is used as Oldham Council's Outdoor and Environmental Education Centre.

Whilst the council do not currently deliver a programme of asset management condition surveys, it is acknowledged that the Castleshaw centre is in need of remedial works to the roof covering.

Utilisation of grant funding will therefore reduce the burden of future capital investment and also reduce likely revenue cost associated with routine repairs.

(John Winterbottom – Property)

Risks:

The grant funding provides an opportunity for the Council to carry out roof repairs to the Castleshaw Centre in the form of a grant which will cover the cost of repairs, project management, overheads and also provides a contingency.

The service should ensure that all Council legal, financial and procurement rules are followed for the placing of the contract. The service should also confirm the requirement of any grant conditions attached to the funding.

(Vicki Gallacher, Head of Insurance and Information Governance)

Co-operative Implications

The proposal set out in this report aims to use grant funding to repair and refurbish Castleshaw building which is an important asset as it is a key base used by both the Youth Service and primary and secondary schools in Oldham to deliver youth services and educational programmes. Repairing the roof will maintain the building for future use, keep children and young people safe and allow them to access alternative provisions which is important for their wellbeing and education. Supporting children and young people through range of provisions is a key corporate priority

(Mahmuda Khanom, Policy Support Officer)

IT Implications

None

Community cohesion disorder implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

None

Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

As an employer/duty holder, Oldham Council has a statutory duty to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of all its employees, and persons not in the Council's employment who may be affected by their work, are not exposed to risks to their health or safety. Oldham Council's Health and Safety Team have no objections to the content of this report as we have been assured that all contractors will have signed up

to construction line. Specific risk assessments and other safety documentation will still need to be checked for individual jobs/projects during the planning/construction phases of any works

(Neil Crabtree, Head of Public Protection).

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? No

Reason(s) for exemption from publication: N/A

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
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In consultation with:

Cllr Shaid Mushtaq – Cabinet member for Children and Young People



Date: 27/11/23

Emma Barton, Deputy Chief Executive



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