
Report To:	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	Date:	23 December 2021
Report By:	Interim Director, Environment and Regeneration	Report No:	PR/25/21/EM
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Subject:	Education Interactive Whiteboards Replacement		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the committee on activity related to capital programme slippage mitigation and seeks delegated authority to accept tenders for accelerated projects.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The replacement of interactive whiteboards across the education estate and a longer term refresh programme of digital panels has been approved by the Education & Communities Committee as part of the 2021-28 Education Services Digital Learning Strategy
- 2.2 There is the opportunity to consider acceleration / advancement of 2022/23 project expenditure in any areas where this may be feasible to assist in mitigating projected capital programme slippage in the current financial year (2021/22).
- 2.3 One such opportunity is to accelerate / advance planned 2022/23 expenditure in respect of a recently agreed programme of education digital equipment replacement / refresh within Inverclyde schools.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the issue of a mini-competition for the replacement of interactive whiteboards in a number of properties across the education estate and grant delegated authority to the Interim Director, Environment and Regeneration to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The November 2021 Education & Communities Committee approved a report on the 2021-28 Education Services Digital Learning Strategy. One of the key aspects of the strategy involves the replacement of interactive whiteboards across the education estate and a longer term refresh programme of digital panels. The report noted the estimated cost to complete the replacement programme of interactive whiteboards at a further £700K.
- 4.2 The delivery of the 2021/22 Capital Programme continues to be monitored and reported on across the various Service Committees. The on-going construction sector challenges in terms of materials shortages and labour supply continues to impact the progression of projects either in terms of increased lead-in / start dates or through delays on site. There is a need to consider acceleration / advancement of 2022/23 project expenditure in any areas where this may be feasible to assist in mitigating projected slippage.

5.0 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD REPLACEMENT

- 5.1 The replacement of interactive whiteboards is required across a proportion of the school estate with the majority of facilities now provided with the current active panel technology. The remaining establishments comprise 5 primary schools, 3 secondary schools and 2 assisted support needs schools.
- 5.2 Officers from Property Services, in conjunction with Procurement, have prepared the necessary mini-competition documents with a view to progressing the interactive whiteboard replacement in the current financial year. This will only be possible subject to evaluation of mini-competition returns and issue of formal acceptance to allow firm orders to be placed and equipment supply secured through the manufacturers / distributors. Authority is being sought through the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee as the next Education & Communities Committee date will not allow an acceptance to be issued in sufficient time to maximise spend in the current financial year.
- 5.3 The estimated cost of this phase of the programme is £700K. The Committee is requested to note the issue of a mini-competition and approve delegated authority to accept the most economically advantageous tender in accordance with 17.3 (ii) of the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A		2021/23	£700K		Prudentially borrowed from £150k pa already agreed from the Teacher Supply budget. Remaining funding from Education Capital programme Lifecycle Fund.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 There are no known Legal implications contained within this report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no known Human Resources implications contained within this report.

Equalities

6.4 Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES	
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.	
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.	
X	NO

Repopulation

6.5 There are no repopulation implications contained within this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Interim Director for Finance &

Corporate Governance.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Education Services Digital Learning Strategy 2021-2028 – Education & Communities Committee – 2nd November 2021 (Agenda Item No.13).