

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
City of London Academies Trust Finance, Audit and Risk Committee	27 February 2020
<b>Subject:</b> CoLAT 2019-20 School Condition Allocation	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Chief Financial Officer	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

The total 2019-20 School Condition Allocation for COLAT is £573,886. Each COLAT academy has been given the opportunity to bid for a share of the 2019-2020 allocation which must be spent in full by the end of March 2021.

The bids received have been reviewed by the central MAT team and the Finance Audit and Risk Committee are now asked to approve the selected projects.

### Recommendations

The Committee members are asked to approve:

- The use of the 2019-20 SCA funding to support the projects listed, totalling £482,500 including a 5% contingency; and,
- Retaining the remaining £91,386 of SCA funding until 31 August 2020 for any emergency works that might occur in one of the Trust schools before then.

### Main Report

#### Overview

Each year MATs with at least five academies and more than 3,000 students/pupils, receive a School Condition Allocation (SCA) from the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

SCA funding is for the purpose of maintaining and improving the estate so that children can learn in a safe environment. Investment must prioritise keeping academy buildings and grounds safe and in good working order by tackling poor building condition, building compliance, health and safety issues and energy efficiency. The funding aims to address issues with significant consequences that revenue or DFC funding cannot meet.

MATs must have a sensible basis for using the grant provided, which offers value for money and supports the purposes of the grant. In accordance with good practice, this must include developing a capital asset management plan.

The COLAT SCA is not intended to fund information and communication technology software, loose furniture and equipment. ICT hardware and infrastructure (cabling, wireless and switching) will not be eligible unless clearly an integral part of a bigger project.

Each academy has been given the opportunity to bid for a share of the COLAT 2019-20 SCA. The total 2019-20 allocation for COLAT is £573,886. The 2019-2020 allocation must be spent in full by the end of March 2021 otherwise the funding may be clawed back by the ESFA.

The assessment panel (comprising the Trust CEO, CFO and Director of Estates & Facilities Management) considered the age, nature, composition and condition of each academy building when comparing the applications. They also considered the available reserves at each academy and historic patterns of spend on planned and preventative building maintenance to keep the buildings in safe and good working order to date.

Allocations of funding in future years will be informed by the Trust asset management plan. This is under development and will consolidate the asset management plans for each of the eight academies.

When submitting bids each academy was asked to categorise each project under one of the five following priorities:

	<b>Category</b>	<b>Priority Level</b>
1	<b>Urgent works to address immediate risks of breaching legislation and Health &amp; Safety (and avoid immediate closure of premises),</b> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• emergency and managed asbestos removal to facilitate essential works</li><li>• gas safety</li><li>• electrical safety</li><li>• lift safety</li><li>• continuous heating</li><li>• water services - (hot and cold) and drainage,</li><li>• ventilation/air quality and thermal comfort</li><li>• fire safety</li><li>• security and safeguarding of students, staff and/or members of the public</li></ul>	Highest
2	<b>Life Expired Condition Replacement – where there is a risk of school closure,</b> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• building structure (e.g. not weather-tight)</li><li>• mechanical systems</li><li>• electrical systems</li><li>• utility capacity and connections</li></ul>	High

3	<b>Life Expired Condition Replacement</b> , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building fabric – internal or external</li> <li>• building structure</li> <li>• mechanical systems</li> <li>• electrical systems</li> </ul>	Medium
4	<b>Areas below current standards or need works to address overcrowding</b> , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole block</li> <li>• Basic Teaching</li> <li>• Large spaces, studios, dining and social</li> <li>• Kitchen</li> <li>• Plant</li> <li>• Learning resources areas</li> <li>• Staff and admin</li> <li>• Storage</li> <li>• Changing</li> <li>• Toilets</li> <li>• Circulation</li> </ul>	Low
5	<b>Other works: Evidence must provide a clear condition and value for money case.</b> This might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• accessibility improvements (teaching and non-teaching)</li> <li>• building fabric (non-teaching, e.g. external sports equipment stores etc.)</li> <li>• mechanical and electrical systems (non-teaching)</li> <li>• insulation/draught proofing (non-teaching)</li> <li>• lighting (non-teaching)</li> </ul>	Lowest

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 (Non-Public) – Bids Received