

## Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 26 April 2022	Decision Reference Number 4613
<b>Decision Title</b> To allocate £42,707 of S106 education funding to Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, to support sufficiency of secondary school places.	
<b>Decision Value</b> £42,707  No financial risk or additional costs for the Council. We are in receipt of the S106 funding.  The balance of the total project cost (approx £2.2m) is being funded by the Archway Learning Trust's reserves and capital fundraising.	
<b>Revenue or Capital Spend?</b> Capital	
<b>Department</b> Education	
<b>Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)</b> Lucy Juby, Project Manager, <a href="mailto:lucy.juby@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">lucy.juby@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Decision Taken</b> Allocation of £42,707 of S106 education funding to Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, to support sufficiency of secondary school places.	
<b>Reasons for Decision and Background Information</b> The section 106 agreement dated 29 November 2019 linked to the Spices, Wollaton Vale development (planning ref 19/01186/PFUL3) between the Council and IDD Commercial Limited being the owner, included an obligation on the owner to pay an education contribution of £43,372 index linked to the Council. The Council received £44,027.80 on	

30th April 2021 and after applying £1,320.83 of this amount towards the administration and monitoring of compliance with the S106 Agreement, has funding of £42,706.97 available ('the S106 Funding'). **Confirmed by Sarah Baker, Finance Commercial Business Partner, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

The funding proposal complies with the S106 Agreement to use the S106 Funding towards "the provision of new or enhanced education facilities in Nottingham City". **Confirmed by Tamazin Wilson, Senior Solicitor, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

The funds will contribute to construction of a new 4-court sports hall that meets the needs of the school and its learners, as well as providing a community space. The current sports hall provision is too small to accommodate the number of students needed to deliver the curriculum or examinations.

The project will support Bluecoat Wollaton Academy's increased pupil growth and will enable the school to admit additional pupils over their normal PAN (Pupil Admission Number) this September 2022. This additional capacity has been negotiated with the Council's Education Department, to support our statutory duty to deliver sufficient secondary school places. There continues to be significant growth in demand for places in most areas of the City and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy are full, they are admitting pupils in excess of their PAN and are significantly oversubscribed. Bluecoat Wollaton Academy is an Ofsted rated 'outstanding' school. They need to ensure the facilities enable continued effective delivery of a broad, balanced and enriching sports curriculum.

The school will appoint a contractor to deliver the scheme. Where implementation of the decision involves a transfer of monies by the Council to the relevant school (as is the case here) a separate agreement will be required in relation to the School's use of the funds, to ensure that it meets the obligations of the S106 agreement. Only after completion of that agreement will funds be released to the school.

The investment supports the delivery of the Council's statutory responsibility to provide sufficient school places for Nottingham City pupils. It also supports the Council Plan objectives as follows:

- Guaranteeing a choice of places at a local primary and secondary school for every Nottingham child
- Supporting and influencing all Nottingham schools to be rated "good" or "outstanding" by Ofsted.

**This decision was approved by the Council's Capital Board and the Chief Finance Officer on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

### **Other Options Considered and why these were rejected**

None. Additional capacity in this area of the city is necessary to accommodate secondary pupils for the coming Admission year in Sept 2022. To enable the school to admit additional pupils over their normal admission number and to deliver an effective curriculum, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy need to ensure facilities support the growth in pupil numbers.

### **Reasons why this decision is classified as operational**

Has a value below £150,000 and is taken within agreed policies and budgets.

### **Additional Information**

You should consider:

- obtaining and recording advice if necessary from legal, finance or other colleagues
- informing relevant ward councillors if a decision particularly affects their ward
- whether an EIA, DPIA, Carbon Impact assessment or consultation exercise is required for this decision
- for capital spend, confirmation that the decision has been through the appropriate capital approval processes
- referring to any related previous decisions
- risks of the decision and any mitigation of those risks
- if the decision is approving capital spend, please include confirmation that the Chief Finance Officer has agreed to it.

### **Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)**

Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director for People



### **Scheme of Delegation Reference Number**

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### **Date Decision Taken**

14/4/22