

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



Nottingham
City Council

Reference Number:	1845
Author:	Jennifer Hardy
Department:	Children and Families
Contact:	Jennifer Hardy (Job Title: Project Manager, Email: jennifer.hardy@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, Phone: 01158765629)
Subject:	Release of £281,000 to Djanogly Northgate to support pupil growth
Total Value:	Nil (Type: Nil)
Decision Being Taken:	In April 2014, Schools' Forum approved allocation of £281,000 of funding from the Statutory School Reserve to support pupil growth at Djanogly Northgate Academy. Financial regulations state Portfolio Holder approval must be given to release this funding to the school. The decision is to release £164,000 in 2014/15 and £117,000 in 2015/16, but approval to allocate this money to the school has already been given by Schools' Forum.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Djanogly Northgate Academy opened a second school site in September 2014, in part of the Djanogly City Academy building on Sherwood Rise. This increased the capacity from 420 to 840 pupils overall, and the school required additional funding to support this level of pupil growth. Part of this funding was met through the Pupil Growth Contingency Fund and the rest will be met from the Statutory School Reserve.
Other Options Considered:	None, this decision has already been approved by Schools' Forum.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards:	Sherwood
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Exempt Information:	
Description of what is exempt:	Legal advice
	An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it would disclose legal and financial information
5 - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.	The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it would disclose legal and financial information
Documents exempt from publication:	2015-01-28 exempt legal obs.pdf
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA was done at the time and is not relevant to the decision to release the money.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes

Call In Expiry date:

17/02/2015

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance

Legal Advice:

**This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix.

Advice provided by Jonathan Ludford-Thomas (Senior Solicitor) on 28/01/2015.**

Finance Advice:

On 24th April 2014 Schools Forum approved the allocation of £0.281m to fund the expansion of Djanogly Northgate Academy onto a second site from September 2014. This has enabled the school to open two additional reception classes and two additional year 1 classes from September 2014. The £0.281m represents the funding gap between what the second site would be entitled to through the Dedicated Schools Grant Pupil Growth Contingency and the funding requirements of the school. Please refer to Appendix A for a detailed breakdown. This funding has been earmarked within the Dedicated Schools Grant Statutory Schools Reserve (SSR), £0.164m in the financial year 2014/15 and £0.117m in the financial year 2015/16.

In line with the local authorities Constitution approval is now being sort from the Portfolio Holder of Children's Services to release the first payment to Djanogly Northgate Academy of £0.164m in 2014/15 and approval to release the second payment of £0.117m when it is due in the financial year 2015/16.

In adherence to the Schools revenue funding 2015 to 2016 Operational guidance an application has made to the Secretary of State to vary the pupil numbers for Djanogly Northgate Academy from September 2015 to account for the anticipated growth in the school over the next five years. Confirmation has now been received from the Secretary of State that the authority can vary the pupil numbers from September 2015 onwards. Therefore, moving forward there will be no requirement to fund the additional pupils from the SSR as they will be funded from the local authorities local funding formula.

Advice provided by Julia Elizabeth Holmes (Finance Analyst) on 28/01/2015.

Signatures

Jon Collins (Leader & PH Strategic Regeneration & Schools)
SIGNED and Dated: 10/02/2015

Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 03/02/2015