

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Release of £147,000 of funding for Heathfield Primary's expansion to a new second site.
Total Value:	£147,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To approve the release from the Statutory School Reserve of £147,000 of funding to Heathfield Primary School, to support the opening set up costs associated with the expansion of the school to a new second site.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Allocation of this funding from the Statutory Schools Reserve was approved by Schools Forum on 24 September 2015, but release of the funding is a Portfolio Holder decision. Whilst this is an expansion of the existing Heathfield Primary School, it will be a completely new school site and requires funding as such. The full rationale relating to the funding allocation is detailed in the exempt Schools Forum report of 24 September attached to this decision.
Other Options Considered:	None. The decision to allocate the funding was made by Schools Forum on 24 September 2015.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Basford

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt:

Appendix to the decision form - Exempt Schools Forum decision

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 prejudice the contractual and business negotiations of the Council and Heathfield Primary.

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 in all the circumstances, the information sets out the legal risks inherent in the course of action proposed here, which the Portfolio Holder is arguably entitled to consider without Nottingham City Council's position being affected simply by the consideration of those risks.

Documents exempt from publication:

Funding to support an expanding school.doc, Funding to support and expanding school appendix A.xlsx, 2015-10-26 exempt legal obs.pdf

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

N/A

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Heathfield Forum Report_Appendix 1.docx

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

12/11/2015

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix Advice provided by Jonathan Ludford-Thomas (Senior Solicitor) on 26/10/2015.

Finance Advice:

On 24th September 2015 Schools Forum approved the allocation of £0.147m to Heathfield Primary from the Statutory School Reserve. This was to fund £0.127m of set up costs at the schools new second site which is due to open in October 2015, and £0.020m for unfunded staffing costs of the nurseries at both sites. The £0.127m represents funding not covered by the funding allocated to the school through the local funding formula which is to cover "basic need" costs and the £0.020m is due the shortfall in nursery funding due to the delay in the opening of the new site.

In line with the local authority's Constitution approval is now being sought from the Portfolio Holder of Children Services to release the payment to Heathfield Primary School of £0.147m.

For information please refer to the financial observations in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.7 of the original exempt Schools Forum report. Advice provided by Julia Elizabeth Holmes (Finance Analyst) on 06/10/2015.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

The proposal meets the Public Sector Equality Duty to ensure equality of opportunity. What will be important is that community groups, parents, young people and advocacy groups are utilised where possible to ensure that the right equipment and appropriate resources are bought for the benefit of the young people, parents and carers. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 13/10/2015.

Signatures

Sam Webster (Portfolio Holder for Schools)

SIGNED and Dated: 05/11/2015

Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)

SIGNED and Dated: 04/11/2015