

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Early works including design development relation to the potential expansion of Middleton Primary School
Total Value:	£100,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	1. To approve the undertaking of necessary surveys and design work to develop a robust feasibility for the potential expansion of Middleton Primary School. 2. To approve the appointment of Design Services to develop early designs for the potential expansion of the primary school to increase capacity by a form of entry.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	It has been identified that there is a need to provide additional capacity in the Wollaton West Ward for September 2017 in order to meet the demand for pupils within the catchment area. One option would be to increase school accomodation at Middleton Primary by 210 places to meet the need. Middleton Primary School is a local school within the Wollaton West Ward and rated as "good" by Ofsted which means that expanding the school meets the City Council policy of expanding successful schools. This would also support the Council priorities of access to a good school close to home for every young person in Nottingham and to guarantee a choice of places for every child at a local primary school. This option will require significant building works on the site in order to provide sufficient accommodation to house the pupils. The early design and feasibility work will engage the school to develop the potential expansion at Middleton Primary as an option.
Other Options Considered:	Do nothing - This was discounted as the intial demand capacity is required in the area and early design are needed to be carried out to identify the viability of potentially expanding the school.
Background Papers:	None.

Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Wollaton West
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Consultations:	A full and thorough consultation process will be undertaken with all stakeholders if this option were to be progressed as a proposal.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	There are no crime and disorder implications. The safety of the staff and pupils will be taken into consideration within the design.
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA Middleton Primary Expansion final.doc
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	18/05/2016
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity
Legal Advice:	This report does not raise any significant legal issues. It is understood that the services are being commissioned as an option and that at this stage the obligation to undertake the statutory consultation for the school reorganisation is not engaged. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 29/03/2016.
Finance Advice:	<p>The proposed expansion of Middleton Primary School is part of the Primary Schools Re-organisation (PSR) which has been agreed in principle pending business cases for each scheme. The PSR programme is to be funded wholly by Basic Needs Grant, which is a capital allowance made to local authorities to support the capital requirements for providing new pupil places by expanding existing maintained schools, free schools or academies, or establishing new schools.</p> <p>Grant has been confirmed up to 2017/18 and an allocation has specifically been set aside for expansion in the Wollaton Area which is experiencing significant primary school place pressure and a continued upward trend for pupil growth in the coming years. This reports requests £100k to carry out pre construction and feasibility works and will be funded from basic needs grant allocated to the Wollaton area. The works are carried out on the understanding that they will be capitalised only if the proposed schemes goes ahead.</p> <p>Advice provided by Tina Adams (Capital and taxation Manager) on 30/03/2016.</p>

Procurement Advice:

The decision sought is to appoint the Council's internal Design Services team to undertake the works; this is a compliant route in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules. Should the internal service need to procure any external requirements to assist with their undertaking, these would need to be carried out in compliance with Contract Procedure Rules, and for which separate approval(s) may be required depending on the value(s) involved. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Procurement Team Leader) on 29/03/2016.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

The proposal offers an opportunity for equality of opportunity for young people to attend a good rated school thus providing a good opportunity for better life outcomes. Consultation with all stakeholders will be important to ensure that everyone's needs are met.

Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 14/03/2016.

Signatures

Sam Webster (PH for Education, Employment and Skills)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/05/2016
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 29/04/2016