

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**Subject:**

Approval for consultation on proposed expansion of Glade Hill Primary and feasibility works to identify expansion options

**Total Value:**

£80,000 (Type: Capital)

**Decision Being Taken:**

- Approval to undertake consultation on the proposal to expand Glade Hill Primary from 210 to 420 places.
- Approve the allocation of £80,000 funding from the underspend of the completed reconfiguration project at Glade Hill Primary School (20577) to undertake feasibility works.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

Pupil growth forecasts, analysis and admissions data identify that there is a need to provide additional primary place capacity in the Bestwood area of the city.

In order to meet the need and demand for school places in the Bestwood area, it is proposed to expand Glade Hill Primary School from 210 to 420 places. There would be 60 pupils in each year group instead of 30 and the school would grow by one class per year (30 pupils) over a seven year period, until the school is full.

Glade Hill Primary admitted an additional 'bulge' class of children in September 2016, over and above their normal Published Admission Number (PAN). For the previous two years, another local school in the area (Westglade Primary) also admitted bulge years.

From September 2018, additional teaching and learning space will be required to accommodate this sustained growth in pupil numbers. Glade Hill Primary School is rated "Good" by Ofsted, therefore expanding the school will support the Council's key priority to provide good schools, close to home for every young person in Nottingham and to increase choice of places for every child.

The proposal will be subject to successful feasibility works and a full and thorough consultation process with all stakeholders. This would run for a minimum of four weeks, to engage with and seek the views of parents, carers, staff, governors, Ward Councillors and community members.

Initial feasibility works are required to identify viable options for :

- a temporary measure for the school to take on additional children in September 2018 and
- a permanent solution to expand the school by September 2019.

The £80,000 funding requested will be used to fund the initial feasibility works and if a viable option for expansion is identified, then any underspend from the £80,000 will be used to carry out detailed feasibility works required such as surveys, detailed design and development works. The funding will be used to cover professional fees involved in producing the feasibility works.

A reconfiguration project was carried out at Glade Hill Primary School to accommodate a bulge year for September 2016. The works were completed in August 2016 with an underspend of £80,000. Therefore, approval of the decisions will enable the allocation of the £80k underspend from the completed reconfiguration project to support the feasibility works for the potential expansion of Glade Hill Primary School.

The Council's Minor Works Framework or other approved procurement route (Repairs & Maintenance Framework) may be used to support some elements of the feasibility works such as Mechanical and Structural support. The Council's Design Services team will support the delivery of the feasibility works.

**Other Options Considered:**

Do nothing - this is not a favourable option as additional school places are required in the area. Sustained growth in pupil numbers requires a longer term solution to meet the needs of this community by providing a good school close to home.

Other local schools were also considered for expansion. Glade Hill is considered the preferred option, to proceed with feasibility works and consultation.

<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
<b>Published Works:</b>	None.
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Bestwood
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None.
<b>Consultations:</b>	A full and thorough consultation will be undertaken with all relevant stakeholders if this option is progressed as a proposal.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	None
<b>Equality:</b>	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment_Glade Hill_V3_270117.doc
<b>Relates to Council Property Assets:</b>	Yes
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	07/02/2017
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity, Property, Other: Asaad Raof(asaad.raoof@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	This report gives authority for a consultation and a feasibility study. The City Council must ensure it undertakes the consultation in accordance with its legal duties. It must not permit the results of a positive feasibility study to pre-determine the outcome of the consultation. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 21/02/2017.
<b>Finance Advice:</b>	Project 20577 Glade Hill Primary School was approved to be funded by DfE Basic Needs Grant, this project has available underspend available for the funding to be transferred to this project. Once approved the funding under project 20557 will be reduced by £80,000 and the DfE Basic Needs Grant will be committed against this project, therefore this project does not raise any significant finance issues. Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 31/01/2017.

**Procurement Advice:**

Should any procurement(s) be required as a result of the proposals set out within the report these should be carried out in conjunction with the Procurement Team and in line with Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations. Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 02/02/2017.

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

The EIA accurately reflects the public duty considerations within the Equality Act. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 22/02/2017.

**Other Advice:**

An approved procurement route may be used to support some elements of the feasibility works such as Mechanical and Electrical Design, where there may be a requirement for specialist input.  
Design Services will carry out a management role, overseeing any specialist design requirements.  
This will help ensure that the service and project information from providers is robustly challenged against design, cost and technical content as necessary, and will help offer the Council greater value for money in the services and performance received.  
Advice provided by Asaad Raof (Team Leader, Planned Maintenance) on 27/01/2017.

**Property Advice:**

Glade Hill primary School is a city owned School and third party consent is not required for this proposed extension. As owner the city support these proposals. Advice provided by Peter Taylor (Senior Surveyor) on 27/01/2017.

**Signatures**

Sam Webster (PH for Education, Employment and Skills)
SIGNED and Dated: 28/02/2017
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 23/02/2017