



Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

N/A

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Subject:

To seek authorisation for a new capital project at 39 Oxhey Drive, South Oxhey, a Hertfordshire County Council (the council) held asset, for the delivery of a new primary support base (PSB) to serve Delivering Special Provision Locally area 9 (DSPL 9) from September 2024.

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): No

Executive Members: Caroline Clapper; Bob Deering

Portfolio (Executive Functions only): Caroline Clapper, Executive Member, Education, Libraries & Lifelong Learning; Bob Deering, Executive Member, Resources & Performance.

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1. **Decision**

To seek authorisation for a new capital project at 39 Oxhey Drive, South Oxhey, a council held asset, for the delivery of a new PSB to serve DSPL 9 from September 2024.

The Director of Finance is requested to confirm whether they approve the budget of £0.378m to fund the above capital project.

2. **Reasons for the decision**

In accordance with the council's Financial Regulations, as the cost of the project exceeds £250k, this requires a decision from the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources and Performance, and the Executive Member for Education, Libraries and Lifelong Learning, and may be referred on to Cabinet Panel and Cabinet if necessary.

The 2022/23 to 2025/26 Integrated Plan included £4.478m of the council's capital borrowing to support delivery of four capital works which would complete the countywide pattern of primary behaviour in-reach services, for pupils at risk of exclusion. To date, £0.183m of this budget has been approved for improvements to the existing primary support base at Summerswood Primary School in Borehamwood, leaving £4.295m.

The new PSB will open from September 2024 and would be able to offer short-term intensive programmes for up to twelve pupils with behaviour issues who have been, or who are, at risk of being excluded from September 2024. The council will commission Warren Dell Primary School, as the lead school for primary behaviour in DSPL 9, to run the base. As Warren Dell is an academy, the Agora Learning Partnership (the Trust) will need to submit a business case for the approval of the Regional Director at the Department for Education.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected** None

4. **Consultation**

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

(a) **Comments of Executive Members**

The Executive Members have no comments other than to concur with the Executive Director's intention to agree the proposal.

(b) **Comments of other consultees** None

5. **Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision**

None

6. **Following consultation with the Executive Members, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: Steven Pilsworth

Title: Director of Finance

Date: 17 January 2024

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- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.