

DECISION RECORD

Subject: Approval to use Section 106 (s106) funding to enter a funding agreement with Onslow St Audrey's Secondary School, Old Rectory Drive, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 8AB to carry out works, including enlarging its premises, to facilitate its permanent expansion by 1 form of entry (f.e.) from September 2019.

Staff Contact: Brenda Dennett Executive Member: Terry Douris

Tel: 01992 555725 Portfolio: Education, Libraries and Localism

1. Decision

To approve the use of £ 3,366,826 of s106 funding to enter into a funding agreement with Onslow St Audrey's School, Old Rectory Drive, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 8AB to carry out works, including enlarging its premises, to facilitate permanent expansion by 30 places (1 f.e.) from September 2019 conditional upon the school gaining DfE approval for expansion and the granting of town planning permission for the building scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision

Demand for secondary places in Hatfield is rising rapidly with a peak deficit of 1.6 f.e. forecast in 2019. To address the ongoing deficit of places, expansion of Onslow St Audrey's School by 1 f.e. has been assessed as offering the best solution.

The Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Cabinet meeting of Monday 20th February 2017 agreed to the expansion of Onslow St Audrey's School, by 1 f.e., subject to an appropriate funding agreement and separate s106 approval process.

The s106 approval process has now been completed and the release of s106 monies approved. A funding agreement between HCC and the school has been drafted and is conditional upon both the school gaining DfE approval for expansion and the granting of town planning permission for the building scheme. The current Published Admission Number (PAN) of the school is 150 and the proposal will increase the PAN to 180.

It is now for the Director of Children's Services, under the terms of the delegated powers invested in her, to approve the use of s106 funding to enter into a funding agreement with Onslow St Audrey's School to facilitate its expansion by 1 f.e.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

None

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member

The Executive Member has no comments

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(b) Comments of other consultees

Other Consultees had no comments

5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

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T Date: 15 June 2017

- 6. Copies of agreed document to:
 - The Headteacher & Chair of Governors of Onslow St Audrey's School
 - Assistant Head of Member Services Room 214 County Hall
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