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Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution) **Council's Constitution**

Subject: Financial contributions required in relation to Cheshunt School (Please use the same title as provided in the Forward Plan)	
Staff Contact: Kate Leahy	Executive Members: David Williams Terry Douris
Tel: 01992 555864	Portfolios: Resources, Property and the Economy Education, Libraries and Localism

1. Decision ²

To agree the financial arrangements and terms relating to Hertfordshire County Council's contributions to the Goffs 'Generations' Multi-Academy Trust (GMAT), in relation to Cheshunt School (renamed Goffs-Churchgate from September 2017).

2. Reasons for the decision ³

On 26 June 2017, the county council's Cabinet received a report which articulated the financial contribution required in order that Cheshunt School (renamed Goffs-Churchgate) convert to become an Academy as part of GMAT. Cabinet agreed the following recommendation:

"that the County Council conclude an agreement with the Goffs 'Generations' Multi-Academy Trust around the sponsorship of Cheshunt School, with the final details of the financial contributions required to be agreed by the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services and the Executive Members for Resources, Property and the Economy and Education, Libraries and Localism, within the parameters set out in the Part II report."

Final Heads of Terms (attached) have now been reached with GMAT and these fall within the parameters set out in the Part II Cabinet report. The Director of Resources therefore authorises these final terms; in order that these can be contained within the 'Commercial Transfer Agreement', at the point at which Cheshunt School (renamed Goffs-Churchgate) converts to Academy Status.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ⁴

Alternative options (including alternative school sponsors and school closure) were explored in reports to Cabinet in March and June 2017 (links below)

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4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member, Resources, Property and the Economy

Comments of Executive Member, Education, Libraries and Localism

Comments of the Director of Children's Services^{5 6}

(b) Comments of other consultees⁷

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

Signed:

Title: Director of Resources Date: 13/09/17

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- All members of the County Council (Democratic Services to send)
- Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on hertfordshire.gov.uk) to the Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall; democratic.services@hertfordshire.gov.uk

¹ Please refer to the Call-in and Contract Award Process for officers to determine if notice on this decision record for successful and unsuccessful bidders is exempt information and is therefore subject to inclusion in Annex 'A'

² If this decision relates to the award of contract, please provide a summary of the evaluation process and reasons for the award of contract to the successful bidder.

³ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

⁴ details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

⁵ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without taking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁶ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of The Council will need to be consulted

⁷ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by email) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.