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RECORD OF OFFICER DECISIONS

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DECISION TAKER (name and title)
Name: Dawn Godfrey Title: Director of Children's Services (Interim).
DELEGATION GIVEN UNDER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A specific express authorisation (at a meeting, include date and name of meeting): Cabinet meeting in April 2019 (Report No 71/2019)
<input type="checkbox"/> Under general authorisation (in the constitution or other document stating what section applies):
THE EFFECT OF THE DECISION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant a permission or Licence
<input type="checkbox"/> Affect the rights of an individual
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Award a contract or incur expenditure which materially affects the council's financial position
ARE YOU FOLLOWING A PROCESS TO COME TO THE RESULTED ACTION OR ARE YOU MAKING A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO OR MORE ALTERNATIVES?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Following a process – No further action required
<input type="checkbox"/> Choosing between alternatives
IS THE RECORD OF THE DECISION, INCLUDING THE DATE, DECISION AND REASONS ALREADY PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENT?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (state where) – No further action required
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TITLE OF DECISION:

Decision to fund a Nurture provision at Edith Weston Primary Academy to enable the school to operate a facility and develop primary outreach support.

Updated Cabinet paper (71-2019) for the additional £349k of funding from the DfE Special Capital fund brought the total pot to £1.049m in April 2019. This approved the following;

Delegated authority to the Strategic Director for People and the Strategic Director for Resources to decide how the maximum allocation will be applied.

Delegated authority to the Strategic Director for People in consultation with the Deputy Director of Corporate Governance and the Portfolio Holder for Lifelong Learning to enter into all necessary agreements to progress the project.

PURPOSE OF THE DECISION

Use of £26k of the Capital funds to commission refurbishment and outdoor learning improvements at Edith Weston Primary Academy to operate a Nurture Hub facility and primary outreach support.

DECISION DETAIL

To deploy £26k Capital funding to undertake construction works at Edith Weston Primary Academy protected under a signed legal agreement with the Brooke Hill Academy Trust Limited

To progress the building project which will deliver more local education facilities for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The DfE have provided Special Provision Capital Fund of £848,837 over three years (2018-21) to enable RCC to meet Programme Objectives:

- Use the DfE Capital funding to provide in-county educational places for students with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and who have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).
- Increase local provision and be less reliant on out of county or independent provision, so that children with SEND have excellent access to local education. Children who are able to attend, are better able to build positive peer and community links and are more prepared for adulthood and independence.
- Give effective transitions for children from Primary to Secondary school and to post 16 provision and onto adulthood.
- Manage the flow of young people into secondary education and ensure that they have opportunities to experience a supportive mainstream curriculum.
- Have a positive impact on the financial cost and physical impact of transporting children with SEND which comes from the RCC General Fund.

- Grow quality of practice and support to families, and respond to what children and families tell us is important about local schools and services.
- Resources to be deployed to meet wider SEND system changing strategic objectives. Assist in encouraging aspirational inclusion leadership in schools, ensuring that staff have skills and confidence to support children in mainstream education where this is possible.
- Lead to a longer term positive financial impact on the High Needs Block- Designated Schools Grant.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

RCC have undertaken needs analysis that demonstrate a need for this new facility, other sites were approached using a fair process and discounted in due course.

Legal agreements provide assurance and mitigate the risk to both parties, therefore not entering into proportionate agreements was considered and discounted as a course of action.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS GIVEN IF AUTHORISATION WAS GIVEN AT A MEETING

None

SUMMARY OF EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION NOT DISCLOSED

None

Signed:



Date: 22nd July 2020