Rutland County Council



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RECORD OF OFFICER DECISIONS

In accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, this document records decisions that would otherwise have been taken by the relevant local government body, or a committee, sub-committee of that body or joint committee in which that body participates but have been delegated to an officer of that body.

DECISION TAKER (name and title)
Name: Mark Andrews
Title: Chief Executive
DELEGATION GIVEN UNDER
A specific express authorisation (at a meeting, include date and name of meeting).
X Under general authorisation (in the constitution or other document stating what section applies): Quarter 2 Financial Management Report No. 191/2016:
Cabinet AGREED that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and relevant Portfolio
Holder to add small schemes (less than £50k) to the capital programme on the condition that all decisions are reported in the Quarterly Finance Report (Report No. 191/2016, Appendix A, para 2.4.4).
THE EFFECT OF THE DECISION
Grant a permission or Licence
Affect the rights of an individual
X 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?
X Following a process – No further action required
Choosing between alternatives

IS THE RECORD OF THE DECISION, INCLUDING THE DATE, DECISION AND REASONS ALREADY PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENT?

Yes (state where) – No further action required

X No

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TITLE OF DECISION

School Places Capacity and Feasibility Study

PURPOSE OF THE DECISION

To progress Stage 2 of the feasibility study for our secondary school provision

DECISION DETAIL

Cabinet agreed on 18 February 2020 that a two stage feasibility study be undertook to investigate expansion options for school growth at the three secondary schools. The cost of the feasibility study was agreed to be funded from capital monies and agreed by the Chief Executive through their delegated powers.

The Council commissioned a multi-disciplinary consultant to undertake a Stage 1 feasibility study to investigate expansion options for school growth at the three secondary schools situated at Catmose College, Oakham, Casterton College, Great Casterton and Uppingham Community College, Uppingham. This was completed and approved by Cabinet in July 2020.

Stage Two of the feasibility study for school expansion at the preferred site of Catmose College, Oakham to deliver additional places through the development of an 8 Form Entry secondary school as identified through Stage One of the study. The Phase 2 study is anticipated to be concluded by end of November 2020.

The cost of Stage 2 feasibility will be circa £18,000 and will be funded from Schools Capital Maintenance.

A full report will be taken to cabinet and Council for project initiation once the feasibility is completed.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Initial findings from Stage One of the feasibility study identify Catmose College as the favoured site for Phase 2 Study because of the current conditions of the existing modern new-build school and this would consolidate the investment that has already been made in recent extensions on the site, with fewer potential planning constraints than at the other two sites.

The site is centrally located within the County which is reflected in the majority of admissions for this school being from Rutland families and would therefore more readily address Rutland's pupil place sufficiency need.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Do Nothing – rejected – due to identified need for places

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

N/A

SUMMARY OF EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION NOT DISCLOSED

N/A

Signed...

Date.....27 October 2020.....