

Delegated Cabinet Member Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Cllr Paul Jacques, Member for Education and Lifelong Learning
Date of Decision:	February 2019
Subject:	Expansion of St Herberts Primary School
Report Author:	Andy Collinge (Head of School Support Services)
Ward (s):	Chadderton

Reason for the decision:

Chadderton Planning area continues to experience pressure in terms of available primary school places. The Education Planning Group agreed to recommend that an LA contribution of £217,000 basic need to St Herberts Primary School expand its PAN to 45 places. Further contributions are being made to the project from the LCVAP fund (£19,500) and DFC (£8,500). A number of other schemes are also being explored in the Chadderton Planning area in order to provide the necessary number of places going forward.

Summary:

It is recommended that the above LA contribution is approved.

Consultation: *Consultation has taken place with the relevant ward Member.*

Recommendation(s):

Option 1: Do nothing.

Option 2: Agree to a basic need funding contribution of £217,000 for the expansion of the school and increased provision of places.

Recommendation: Option 2 is the preferred option

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?*

Capital Implications

The Council contribution to expansion works to the school will be capital expenditure and will be a charge against the People and Place capital programme. The total contribution is £217k and can be met from within the balance of currently unallocated Basic Needs Grant.

The Council has a total Basic Needs Grant allocation of £48.1m for the period 2017/21 (£15.4m 2017/18, £22.8m 18/19, £9.9m 19/20 and nil in 20/21). The allocation of £31.867m (including this proposal) and the remaining amount of £16.230m are shown in the table below:-

Capital Project	Basic Needs Grant Allocation (£m)
Crompton House	10.829
Oldham Academy North	5.000
Feasibility Costs	0.100
Greenfield CP	1.862
Royton and Crompton	5.000
Holy Trinity	0.250
Oasis Academy – Dining Room	0.575
Oasis Academy – UTC adaptations	0.350
North Chadderton Expansion	3.400
Kingfisher (Expansion)	0.750
Kingsland School (Laurel Bank)	0.240
Clarksfield Primary (Oasis)	2.904
Hollinwood Academy contribution	0.390
St Herberts (this report)	0.217
Total Allocated	31.867
Total Grant	48.097
Amount Available for Allocation	16.230

The ESFA may use a portion of the remaining Basic Needs funding to cover the cost of building the new Oasis Free School (Leesbrook). The exact amount for the build costs and initial fit out of the school are not currently known. However, there will be ongoing negotiations with the ESFA and the impact on the Council's available Basic Need funding will be reported once known.

(James Postle)

Revenue Implications

The revenue funding of the new school including expansion will have to be met from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The Council will not receive any additional funding in the DSG for the estimated increase of 5 pupils in 2019/20 as the DSG settlement is based on the October 2018 census and will not be re-determined in the 2019/20 financial year.

The cost for 5 new pupils for September 2019 – March 2020 will be £8,130 with the same increase in resources required across future years. This will be

funded from the growth fund as illustrated in the table below.

However, it should be noted that, for 2019/20, there is a new approach for allocating funding to Local Authorities to support schools with significant in-year growth in pupil numbers. Local Authorities will be funded according to actual levels of pupil number growth. Therefore at this stage there is uncertainty about the level of funding that will be received after 2019/20.

Although the table indicates that the current level of growth is affordable future years funding may be reduced significantly. In such circumstances the allocation of growth as outlined in the table would be unaffordable. It would therefore be essential to review the method by which growth funding is allocated to schools within the available resources.

The following table shows the estimated cost of growth funding for 2019/20.

School	Additional Places	Cost 2019/20 (£)
East Crompton St Georges	30	48,778
Mills Hill	30	48,778
Propps Hall	10	16,259
Watersheddings	15	24,389
Oasis Academy Limeside	30	48,778
St Herberts	5	8,130
Holy Trinity Dob Cross	5	8,130
Blue Coat	47	107,738
Saddleworth School	10	22,923
Greenfield School	30	48,778
Crompton House	112	323,215
Oldham Academy North	60	137,538
North Chadderton	30	68,769
Clarksfield	30	48,778
TOTAL Estimated Additional Place/Cost Already Allocated	587	960,981

(Liz Caygill)

What are the legal implications?

There are no legal implications (Colin Brittain).

What are the **procurement** implications?

The school have undertaken appropriate procurement.

What are the **Human Resources** implications?

There are no HR implications (Andy Collinge)

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)

Advice has been sought on EDI and there are no implications for any vulnerable groups.

What are the **property** implications

There are no property implications (Aided School)

Risks:

There are no risks.

Co-operative agenda

The recommended option supports Oldham Plan's ambition for children and young people to improve their lives through the provision of effective teaching and learning by ensuring that there is sufficient access to suitable learning space.

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes

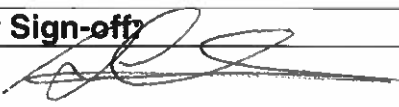
Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

No

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off 	
Date: 15/2/19	

Signed: (Executive Director/Director)

Stockwell

Date:

1/21/19

Signed: (Portfolio Holder)

Paul Joyce

Date:

28/1/19

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Cllr Paul Jacques	Key Decision	13/2/19

Decision (s)

Expansion of St Herberts Primary School

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision	Yes	

Reasons for the decision(s)

Expansion of St Herberts Primary School

Options/Alternatives considered

N/A

Conflict of Interest declared

None

Paul J. Jagers
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(Councillor Signature and portfolio)

In consultation with

Huckwood
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(Executive Director Signature)

Decision made pursuant to:

- a) **Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation. Contract £100,000 - £400,000 and Key decisions.**