

# Delegated Cabinet Member Key Decision Report



**Decision Maker and Portfolio area:** Cllr Paul Jacques, Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

**Date of Decision:** February 2019

**Subject:** Physical Expansion of Hollinwood Academy

**Report Author:** Andy Collinge

**Ward (s):** All wards

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## Reason for the decision:

Hollinwood Academy is an all age school (4-19) that opened in September 2015 following a successful LA targeted need bid. The school is a specialist provision for students with a diagnosis of autistic spectrum conditions and social communication difficulties.

The construction and design of the building utilised many best value principles. The 'complimentary element' of the build strategy enables the children and young people at Hollinwood direct access to large gyms, a soft play area, purpose built classrooms and campus facilities including swimming baths, a theatre, retail outlets, and recording studios. Key staff undertook a best practice review, both in terms of the building and curriculum design. This has been used as best practice by the New Schools Network. The school has grown significantly in the last 3 years. A phased opening approach was implemented for 50 admissions in 2015, increasing to 100 in 2016 and 140 in 2017.

Hollinwood Academy is part of the expanding New Bridge Multi Academy Trust (MAT). The school has quickly developed an exceptional reputation amongst families and the local community.

The majority of children who attend reside within the borough of Oldham (87%), the school also supports children from Rochdale (4%), Tameside (2%), Manchester (5%) and Salford (1%) and Calderdale (1%).

20 % of the pupils do not have a statement of SEN or an EHCP, this equates to 2 pupils per year group from reception to year 13. Boys make up 78% of the school population. 13% of the young people come from ethnic minority backgrounds, 30 % attract the pupil premium and 1 % of children are looked after by the LA.

The school was inspected in 2018 with an outcome of Outstanding in all areas.

The Trust have worked alongside the LA to draw up extension plans that will create approximately 160sq metres in a 'two floor' building. This will enable us to erect 4 new general classrooms, a specialist science room and reinstate the library. The extension is planned to be sited on the present hard MUGA in between Hollinwood Academy and New Bridge School. The MUGA pitch will be moved to the front of the school and double gating in this area will support the schools safeguarding agenda. The total cost for the project will be approximately £700,000 and contribution from the LA of £390,000 is sought from the basic need budget.

### **Summary:**

Demand for places has outstripped the current capacity and numbers for September 2018 are in excess of 185, with a number of appeals to be heard and further requests for places being submitted. Lack of physical space limits what the school can offer pupils in terms of curriculum and learning.

**Option 1:** Do nothing.

**Option 2:** Agree to a basic need funding contribution to the expansion of the school

**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 £390k 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 £31.650m (including this proposal) and the remaining amount of £16.447m are shown in the table below:-

| <b>Capital Project</b>                        | <b>Basic Needs Grant Allocation (£m)</b> |
|---|--|
| 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 (this report) | 0.390                                    |
| <b>Total Allocated</b>                        | <b>31.650</b>                            |
| Total Grant                                   | 48.097                                   |
| <b>Amount Available for Allocation</b>        | <b>16.447</b>                            |

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 cost of a place at Hollinwood Academy is £18,888 per annum. There are currently 186 students, including 31 Out of Borough, at Hollinwood Academy.

The additional cost of these students is included in the outturn of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2018/19.

Oldham has commissioned 215 places, including 30 Out of Borough students, at Hollinwood Academy from September 2019.

For 2019/20 the additional cost of these students of £390,533 has been included in the DSG budget allocation and deployment for 2019/20.

(Liz Caygill)

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| <p>What are the <b>procurement</b> implications?</p>   | <p>Subject to report/budget sign off, the client will need to engage with Procurement and Unity Partnership in the first instance to ensure an appropriate strategy is developed complying with CPRs and relevant external legislation and regulations in relation to the procurement of professional services and works contractors. The award of any subsequent services/works that exceed 50k will require a further report being submitted for sign off.</p> <p>(Dan Cheetham)</p> |
| <p>What are the <b>legal</b> implications?</p>   | <p>The proposal to agree basic need funding contribution for the reasons stated is lawful and no immediate issues arise therefrom. (Colin Brittain)</p>  |
| <p>What are the <b>Human Resources</b> implications?</p>   | <p>There are no HR implications (Andy Collinge)</p>  |
| <p><b>Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment</b> attached or not required because (please give reason)</p> | <p>Advice has been sought on EDI and there are no implications for any vulnerable groups.</p>  |
| <p>What are the <b>property</b> implications</p>   | <p>There are no major implications (Ian Foy)</p>   |
| <p><b>Risks:</b></p>   | <p>There are no significant risks involved with this decision.</p>   |
| <p><b>Co-operative agenda</b></p>  | <p>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.</p>  |

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| <p>Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?</p>     | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?</p>  | <p>No</p>  |

**Reason why this Is a Key Decision**

- (1) Approval will result in the local authority incurring expenditure or the making of savings which are, significant (over £250k) having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.

Any Key Decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **five working days** have elapsed from the publication date of the decision, i.e. before enter date, unless exempt from call-in.

This item has been included on the Forward Plan under reference EDC-07-18

**There are no background papers for this report**

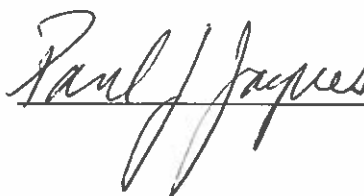
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| <b>Report Author Sign-off:</b> | Andy Collinge   |
| <b>Date:</b>                   | 24 January 2019 |

Signed: (Executive Director/Director)



Date: 18/2/19

Signed: (Portfolio Holder)



Date: 28/1/19



## RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

| <b>Decision Maker</b>    | <b>Decision Type</b> | <b>Date</b>    |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cllr Paul Jacques</b> | <b>Key Decision</b>  | <b>13/2/19</b> |

**Decision (s)**

**Expansion of Hollinwood Academy**

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| <b>Exempt/Confidential Report</b> |            | <b>No</b> |
| <b>Key Decision</b>               | <b>Yes</b> |           |

**Reasons for the decision(s)**

**Expansion of Hollinwood Academy**

**Options/Alternatives considered**

**N/A**

**Conflict of Interest declared**

**None**

*Paul J. Jones*  
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**(Councillor Signature and portfolio)**

**In consultation with** .....

*J. Lockwood*  
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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.**