

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Cllr P Jacques	Delegated Decision	May 2018

SEND Special Provision Capital Funding Allocation – St Anne’s C E Lydgate, Oasis Academy Limeside and Holy Cross C E Allocation

Decision (s)

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision		No

Reasons for the decision(s)

To allocate SEND Capital Funding Grant to Holy Cross, Oasis Limeside and St Annes Lydgate as per report

Options/Alternatives considered

Full consultation done with all providers detailed in report and moderation group considered all applications.

Conflict of Interest declared

n/a

Cllr Paul Jacques (Education and Early Years)

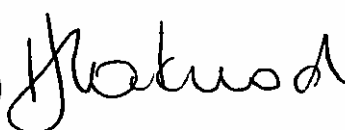
(Councillor Signature and portfolio)



In consultation with

Helen Lockwood

(Executive Director Signature)



Decision made pursuant to:



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

Delegated Cabinet Member Decision (Contract Award 100k -250k) Report

Decision Maker and Portfolio area:	Cllr Amanda Chadderton; Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods
Date of Decision:	May 2018
Subject:	SEND Special Provision Capital Funding – allocations for 3 x Oldham primary schools
Report Author:	Paula Green, Education Provision Manager
Ward (s):	All Wards

Reason for the decision:

Summary:

In July 2017 the Department for Education (DfE) announced capital funding to support the creation of new places or improve existing facilities and provision for children and young people with SEND aged 0 to 25 (with an EHC Plan): the Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF).

The LA has to make a decision as to how the SPCF is allocated. Oldham LA have been allocated £500 000.

Recommendation(s):

The recommendation from the LA moderation panel is to extend the educational offer at Holy Cross C E, St Anne's C E Lydgate and Oasis Academy Limeside by providing sensory and immersive learning provision for pupils with EHC Plans and on SEN support.

Total cost - £102 500. Full details of the proposals are attached at appendix A, B and C.

There is also a project at Kingfisher recommended, total cost £330 000 which is detailed on a separate report.

Implications:

What are the **financial** implications?

The costs of the three proposals will be capital expenditure and will be a charge against the Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods capital programme.

The total costs of the proposals is shown in the table below:

School	Amount (£000)
St Anne's Lydgate	20
Holy Cross	20
Oasis Academy Limeside	63
Total	103

These proposals can be met from within the 2018/19 SPCF of £166k.

Oldham's SPCF will total £500k over the period 2018/19 to 2020/21, with a grant of £166k in each financial year. However, if schemes, within the overall funding envelope (£500k) but over £166k are identified in the earlier financial years, the excess will be temporarily financed from the Council's unallocated Basic Need Grant.

(James Postle)

What are the **procurement** implications?

Strategic Sourcing approve the recommendation with the proviso that any works associated with school expansions are to be carried out in line with EU Regulations and Oldham Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

It would be prudent to ensure that the proposed recommended options, including the expansion proposals are aligned with the council's overall commercial strategy in relation to school expansions. (Darren Judge)

What are the **legal** implications?

The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient places to provide for appropriate education.

Legal Services will provide legal advice and support as and when required to do so to support the proposed expansion programme and will advise on the consultation process to mitigate any risk of legal challenge.

Legal Services will provide legal advice in relation to the procurement of the contractors and the drafting of relevant contractual documentation. (Colin Brittain)

What are the *Human Resources* implications?

There are no HR implications from a statutory perspective. Expansion of existing provision will provide valuable employment opportunities in the borough. (Andy Collinge)

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

EIA completed 13.04.2018.

What are the *property* implications

The proposed project is planned to deliver spaces in the most economic manner and represents an efficient utilization of the existing site. (David Rhodes)

Risks:

The risk associated with the capital funding is low due to the total of the funding coming directly from the DfE.

By implementing a scheduled and robust programme of capital works and expansions the risk of running short of school places will be reduced and the likelihood of creating high quality places will be increased. (Mark Stenson)

Co-operative agenda

A co-operative council delivering good value services to support a co-operative borough.

The provision of sufficient numbers of quality school places is a statutory service and contributes to the Council's outcome around Getting the Basics Right. (Dominic Coleman)

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

Yes

Council's budget?

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? No

List of Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

Title	Available from
Special Provision Capital Fund Guidance	Paula Green
Consultation document for providers	Paula Green

Report Author Sign-off:	Paula Green
Date:	02.05.2018

Please list any appendices:-

Appendix letter	Description
A	Holy Cross C E SPCF Provider Request Form
B	St Anne's C E Lydgate SPCF Provider Request Form
C	Oasis Academy Limeside SPCF Provider Request Form

Background:

- Local authorities must ensure sufficient school places and secure provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The Children and Families Act 2014 places specific statutory responsibilities on local authorities for supporting children and young people with SEND.
- In July 2017 the Department for Education (DfE) announced capital funding to support the creation of new places or improve existing facilities and provision for children and young people with SEND aged 0 to 25 (with an EHC Plan): the Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF).
- In order to access the funding, the local authority is required to allocate a share of the funding to providers and publish a Plan, following consultation with parents, carers, and providers, which sets out how the SPCF will be used.

Proposals:

- In November 2017, the LA circulated a consultation document to all providers in Oldham that provide education for pupils aged 0-25. Alongside this consultation document a provider request form was circulated, asking providers to complete if they wanted to request a share of the funding. Providers were asked to complete details of any proposed project, give financial information, evidence of level of need/demand and how the project will improve outcomes for children, young people and families.
- A drop in session was also held at the parent/carer forum (POINT) to ensure parental feedback was sought and to identify where there may be gaps in provision.

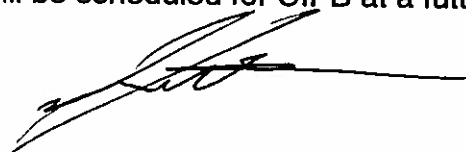
- On 26 February 2018 a moderation panel was held at the Civic Centre to determine how to allocate the SPCF. The panel was made up of the following; Director of Education and Early Years, Elected Member for Education and Early Years, Head of SEND, Head of Post 16, Head of Education Support Services, Education Provision Manager, Capital Works Manager, POINT parent/carer forum Manager, 2 x secondary headteacher representatives and 1 x primary headteacher representative.
- Ten providers from across Oldham requested a share of the SPCF and completed the provider request form, outlining their project plan. Percentage weightings were given to each criteria and a total score given to each provider. Careful consideration was given to each request taking in to account whether the funding criteria was met, financial viability, strategic recommendations from the Opportunity's Area and Commission, recommendations from the parent/carer forum and where there is evidence of demand/need and gaps in provision.
- The moderation panel agreed four of the provider requests and allocated an amount of SPCF.

Conclusions:

- The recommendation from the moderation panel is to extend the educational offer at Holy Cross C E, St Anne's C E Lydgate and Oasis Academy Limeside to include sensory and immersive learning provision for children with EHC Plans and on SEN Support. Further details are available at appendix A, B and C.
- It is requested that the funding of £102 500 is taken from the SPCF allocation.
- St Anne's CE Lydgate, original request was £5000 – this has been re-adjusted to £20 000. St Anne's CE Lydgate bid for funding was to create a sensory facility within an existing unallocated room by the purchase of various sensory equipment and fittings. Following a review of the bid and an inspection of the area, additional funding is recommended in order to provide the necessary infrastructure and physical requirements to support the provision. This additional requirement is to include, sound proofing, mechanical ventilation, electrical outlets provision, controllable lighting, blackout blinds and finishes.
- Holy Cross CE Primary School, original request was £18 476 – this has been re-adjusted to £20 000. This funding bid is to create a sensory teaching area and library/ quiet area within the existing school layout. (Their request for disabled toilet provision was rejected at £4k). Following a review of the bid and an inspection of the areas, additional funding is recommended in order to include a linked outside sensory learning area, with a covered teaching area, planters, and associated electrical and water supplies. There is also additional requirements for services alterations to the internal areas for heating and water supplies.
- A project at Kingfisher Special Academy has also been agreed and is detailed on a separate report that will be scheduled for CIPB at a future date.

In consultation with

(Director) Andrew Sutherland



Date: 22.05.2018

