

Report to: Cabinet

Kingfisher School expansion of PAN & Hydro Pool Replacement

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Reason for Decision

To seek additional funding support for classroom expansion and the replacement of the Hydro Pool, as a consequence of a budget shortfall, COVID 19 impacting on the finances of the project, and pending the release of the grant funders contribution.

Kingfisher School expansion of PAN & Hydro Pool replacement

1 Background

1.1 In January 2018 Cabinet approved the expansion of classrooms and the replacement hydro pool at Kingfisher School, total funding of £2,970,000.

1.2 Works commenced in November 2019 and the scheme is currently funded as below:

Original Council Funding (Reserves)	£ 750,000
Match Funding – external grant funding	£ 750,000
Additional Council Funding (Basic Need Grant Allocation)	£ 750,000
School Funding / Resources	£ 390,000
SEND Funding	£ 330,000
Total Funding	£2,970,000

2 Current Position

2.1 The purpose of the report is to seek additional funding from the Basic Needs Grant and agree to a temporary contribution pending the match funding grant contribution.

3 Consultation

3.1 The process for identifying school/settings expansion projects has been followed as set out in The Education Provision Strategy and through the Education Provision Group (EPG).

6 Financial Implications

6.1 As set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

7 Legal Services Comments

7.1 As set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

8. Co-operative Agenda

8.1 Objective 1: A Productive Place where business and enterprise thrive.

8.2 Outcome: Ensuring the creation of sufficient quality school places and effective, inspiring learning environments. Ensuring that the Local Authority is adhering to their statutory duty of providing school places in the borough and ensuring a higher percentage of families can go to a school of their preference.

8.3 Objective 3: A co-operative council delivering good value services to support a co-operative borough.

8.4 Outcome: Deliver our statutory duties and services to a good standard and ensure they are value for money.

9 Human Resources Comments

9.1 There are no HR implications as a result of this expansion (A Hall)

10 Risk Assessments

10.1 As set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

11 IT Implications

11.1 Not applicable.

12 Property Implications

12.1 As the property in question is not a corporate landlord asset owned by the Council, there are no property comments to be made in regard to this project. (Peter Wood)

13 Procurement Implications

13.1 As set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

14 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

14.1 There are no environmental or health and safety implications as a result of this decision. (A Hunt); (L.Smith)

15 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

15.1 Admission authorities have a legal duty to comply with parental preference wherever possible. Consequently, Oldham's school place planning approach takes account of identified demand for places. In terms of equality, the proposal will positively increase the supply of school places and special educational need provision in the borough. (Andy Collinge)

16 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

16.1 No

17 Key Decision

17.1 Yes

18 Key Decision Reference

18.1 EDS-01-20

19 Background Papers

19.1 None

20 Appendices

20.1 None
