

Delegated Officer Report **(Non-Key and Contracts up to a value of £100k)**

Decision Maker: Richard Lynch (Director of Education, Skills and Early Years)

Date of Decision: 21st June 2022

Subject: Medlock Valley Primary Resource Base

Report Author: Andy Collinge (Head of School Support Services)

Ward (s): No

Reason for the decision:

Medlock Valley is a large primary school based in the Fitton Hill area of Oldham. The school is run by the Kingfisher Trust and became an academy in September 2019. In November 2021 the Local Authority reached out to schools to seek interest from schools who were willing to offer places for children with additional needs who could be placed predominately in a mainstream setting with appropriate support. The LA are looking to fund 6 places for children with SEMH at Medlock Primary School from September 2022 and a further additional 6 places from September 2023.

In order to develop this provision, there is a requirement to undertake some internal reconfiguration of the area that will be used as a resource base at a cost of up to £50,000.

Summary:

The purpose of the report is to approve funding to enable the school to undertake internal reconfigurations which will enhance the learning experience for these children.

<i>What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):</i>	There are no alternative proposals.
<i>Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted.</i>	There are no conflicts of interest. The school will undertake appropriate statutory consultations.
<i>Recommendation(s):</i>	That approval be given to fund reconfiguration of internal space at Medlock Valley Primary.
Implications:	
<i>What are the financial implications?</i>	<p>The £50k costs of the project will be Capital expenditure and will be a charge against the Place and Economic Growth directorate Capital Programme. The costs can be financed from within the Council's £830k High Needs Capital Grant allocation.</p> <p>The Council will fund the costs as a grant to the school/Trust who will manage and commission the works. The grant will be net of any VAT costs incurred on the works. (James Postle)</p>
<i>What are the legal implications?</i>	The monies need to be offered to the Kingfisher Trust by means of the Council's standard Grant Agreement for these types of projects, in order to minimise any VAT liability risk to the Council, specifying the purpose and the works together with comprehensive general grant conditions. (Mark Hope)
What are the procurement implications?	The client department will need to engage procurement at the earliest possible stage to ensure a suitable procurement strategy can be developed and any works/services to be subsequently procured in full compliance with public procurement law, and contract procedure rules. (Dan Cheetham)
<i>What are the Human Resources implications?</i>	There are no HR implications (Andy Collinge)
<i>Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)</i>	An Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment is not required as there is no adverse impact on vulnerable groups (Andy Collinge).
<i>What are the property implications?</i>	There are no property implications (Andrew Hall)

Risks: There are no specific risk comments at this stage. (Mark Stenson)

Co-operative agenda A Co-operative Council delivering appropriate provision for young people contributes to the Council's outcome around getting the basics right. (Andy Collinge)

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

Report Author Sign-off:	
Andy Collinge	
Date: 21/6/22	

In consultation with Director Education Skills and Early Years
Richard Lynch

Signed:



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