

Urgent Decision Record – Special Educational Needs Capital Provision

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Alan Cockburn Portfolio Holder – Finance and Property
Date of Decision not before	07/04/2017

Decision Taken

I agree to the allocation of Basic Need Capital Funding of £250,000 for the addition of SEND facilities as set out at section 2 of the report

Reasons for Decisions

Analysis of the current services and demands for education provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities has identified gaps in provision. These gaps increase the placement of pupils in costly out of authority provision and has led to overspends.

The priority is to develop provision on 3 -4 school sites across the County and negotiations are underway with headteachers and governing bodies. The likely cost is between £50k-£75k each and an allocation of £250,000 is required for this.

A report went to Cabinet and was agreed on 9 March which set out the available capital basic need funding but that omitted to seek approval for permission to allocate the £250,000 Basic Need Funding. The Chair of the Resources & Fire and Rescue Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that this decision be taken now as a matter of urgency and that it may take immediate effect (and so can not be subject to the call-in procedure).

Financial Implications

The funding proposed is from existing, currently available resources that do not rely upon notional future grant allocations. The Capital balance (reported to Cabinet on 9 March) is £7,085,266. Approval of the SEND provision leaves a balance of £6,835,266.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	Yes
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

See published report

List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Alan Cockburn, Cllr Colin Hayfield
 All Strategic Directors
 Legal – Jane Pollard
 Finance – Virginia Rennie, Sandra Beard
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