

# Urgent Decision Record – St Mary’s RC Primary School, Southam

## Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision

Councillor David Wright, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Improvement and IT

### Date of Decision:

**(NOT BEFORE – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### Decision taken

That I, as Portfolio Holder for Finance, Improvement and IT, agree that £199,800 is added to the Learning and Achievement Capital Programme in 2013/14 for essential repairs at St Mary's RC Primary School (Southam) following a fire.

### Reasons for Decisions

St Mary's RC Primary School, Southam suffered a fire in which it lost a teaching space. Other areas suffered smoke and water damage and external areas were affected by the demolition of fire damaged areas.

A settlement has been reached between the Loss Adjuster acting for the Insurers, the Roman Catholic Arch Diocese and WCC Resources Group. A scheme has been agreed to reinstate accommodation at the school and will be funded as follows:

- Voluntary Aided Schools Programme - £34,800
- Insurance Settlement - £148,500
- Diocesan Education Fund £16,500
- **TOTAL - £199,800**

There is *no* requirement for any funding from WCC

The works will be added to the Learning and Achievement Capital Programme and monitored through the quarterly monitoring process.

### Background Information/ factors considered in arriving at these decisions - (set out below and in the officer report):

#### Background:

None required.

**Financial Implications:**

There is *no* requirement for any funding from WC

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Head of Service: Steve Smith

Strategic Director: David Carter

Portfolio Holder Councillor David Wright

**Checklist****Urgent matter: yes/no\***

Yes – in light of the timescales. Approval on the decision is required by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 in order to:

- allow the reinstatement to be completed for the start of the new academic year;
- meet our duty to ensure that there are sufficient, suitable places available;
- reduce the amount of time the school spends in temporary arrangements; and
- make the site and buildings safe and secure for all users.

Tenders have been sought by the Diocesan Authorities and a contractor is ready to start the works.

**Confidential or Exempt (state category of exempt information)**

No

**Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework**

No

**List of Reports considered** [please attach or forward a copy]

None.

**List of Background Papers** [please include directorate contact names and numbers for access to background papers]

None

**Any members and officers consulted or informed and any comments given.**

Strategic Director, David Carter  
Head of Service – Steve Smith  
Democratic Services – Janet Purcell and Georgina Atkinson  
Finance – Virginia Rennie