

# Decision Record – Newburgh Primary School – Addition to the Capital Programme – Use of Developer Contributions.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision

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

Date of Decision: (NOT BEFORE 9 SEPTEMBER 2011)

9 September 2011 (published 14.9.11)

## Decision taken

**AGREED**

1. That £340,000 of developer contributions be allocated to the cost of expansion at Newburgh Primary School.
2. That the Capital Programme allocation for this scheme be increased to £2,590,000.

## Reasons for Decisions

Cabinet on 11 March 2010 approved an allocation of £2,250,000 to extend Newburgh Primary School from one form of entry (210 places) to a two form entry school (420 places). At its meeting on 16 December 2010 Cabinet approved a further allocation of funding from Children Services Capital Programme to meet any increase in the cost of expansion projects in Stratford on Avon and Warwick (including Newburgh School). The developer funds available now remove the need to allocate the resources approved by Cabinet in December.

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

## Background

- 1.0 As part of ongoing housing developments in South West Warwick, WCC entered into S106 agreements with the various developers to provide allocations to meet demand for school places from the increased numbers of primary and secondary pupils generated by the developments. Sums due under these arrangements have been collected and are available for allocation.
- 2.0 In setting the Capital programme, officers estimated the cost of proposals at Newburgh at £2,500,000 and allocated £2,250,000 from WCC resources, the balance to be met from developer contributions once the actual cost of the scheme had been established.
- 3.0 Developer contributions can only be used for the purpose for which they are given and cannot be reallocated without the agreement of the developer. The contributions collected for primary school places from South West Warwick

developments would possibly need to be returned to the developer if they were not used to contribute to this proposal. The building works are programmed to comment in September 2011 to enable the expanded school to open in September 2012.

### **Financial Implications**

The expansion of Newburgh School has been designed, procured and a tender accepted with the total cost of the proposal at £2,950,000 inclusive of professional fees and disbursements. The funding will be met by £2,250,000 from the Capital Programme as agreed and developer contributions of £340,000.

The revenue implications of the expansion of Newburgh Primary School have been considered and will be addressed through the schools funding formula and funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant.

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### **Checklist**

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

No

**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]

Report from author.

**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.**

Local member – Cllr Angela Warner for comment

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