

Decision Record – Brooke School, Rugby

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Alan Cockburn Deputy Leader
Date of Decision (not before: 17 th June 2013)	17/06/2013

Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader agrees that £195,000 is added to the Learning and Achievement Capital Programme in 2013/14 for essential works to provide additional accommodation at Brooke Special School (Rugby).

Reasons for Decisions

Recent allocations of school places have highlighted a potential shortfall in accommodation at Brooke Special School in Rugby. The school usually admits up to 7 new pupils into its Reception class each September but there are 15 pupils that require a place for September 2013. These pupils have significant additional needs that require them to be accommodated at a suitable school; at this stage there is no alternative to Brooke School and the County already sends significant numbers to schools in other local authorities.

The proposed solution is to install a brick-clad modular unit on the school site. This will have the benefit of meeting the immediate need for additional space at Brooke School and the longer term effect of ensuring that more children's needs can be met within Warwickshire. This will ultimately generate a revenue saving.

The cost of the modular unit will be £195,000; this will be funded through the existing allocation for the Learning and Achievement capital programme.

The request has been discussed and agreed with Councillor Heather Timms as the Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools.

Background Information

As above.

Financial Implications

As outlined above.

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Portfolio Holder	Deputy Leader – Councillor Alan Cockburn

Checklist

Urgent matter?	<p>Yes</p> <p>In light of the timescales. Approval on the decision is required by 17th June 2013 in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allow the installation of the modular unit 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; • provide all children with statements of Special Educational Needs a placement that meets their needs <p>Tenders have been sought and a contractor is ready to start the works.</p>
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	N/a
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered - please attach a copy of the report

N/a

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

None.

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

Deputy Leader – Councillor Alan Cockburn
 Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools – Councillor Heather Timms

Consent for Urgency Procedure – Councillor June Tandy, Chair of Corporate Services
 Overview and Scrutiny Committee