

Proposed Decision to be made by the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) on or after 17 January 2020.

Addition of Scheme at Arden Fields School to the Education (Schools) Capital Programme 2019/20

Recommendation

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following scheme to the Education Capital Programme:

- To convert an under-used teaching space to a food technology room and to create two smaller rooms at an approximate cost of £65,531 at Arden Fields School.

1. Key Issues

- 1.1. On 15 May 2018, the Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, to approve the addition to the Capital Programme of schemes costing less than £2.0million, which are funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. The Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) is that nominated body.
- 1.2. The reconfiguration and enhancement of teaching space at Arden Fields School, a special school in Henley in Arden, will be fully funded by an applicable Section 106 developer contribution which has been received. The addition of this scheme to the Capital Programme will not affect the overall level of capital resources available to the County Council.

2. Proposal

- 2.1. Food technology is an important part of the curriculum for pupils attending the school who need to learn independence skills including being able to plan and prepare a healthy diet. Currently these skills are taught in a room which is not appropriately equipped.
- 2.2. The project proposes to convert an unused woodwork room into a modern food technology room through the installation of five workstations, including induction hobs and oven, together with three sinks, food and equipment storage and multi-purpose work surfaces. There would be a further work station for teacher demonstration purposes
- 2.3. The new facilities would not only inspire the pupils and help them to be independent but could also be offered to other local schools such as Henley Primary School who do not have access to specialist facilities.

2.4. The project will also convert an unusable teaching space into two smaller rooms appropriate for the teaching of pupils with social emotional and mental health needs on a 1:1 basis, therapeutic interventions and parent liaison.

2.5. Pupils at the school have significant additional learning needs and require small spaces where they can receive therapeutic intervention and small group tuition. The school lacks such rooms and currently use large teaching spaces which is not ideal and will not necessarily be available as numbers on roll at the school increase.

3. Financial Implications

3.1. The capital works outlined in section 2 are estimated to cost £65,531 and will be fully funded via relevant developer contributions received.

4. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

4.1. Subject to the recommendation being agreed, it is anticipated that the scheme will be completed before the start of September 2020.

5. Environmental Implications

5.1. Environmental implications anticipated to be nil or negligible with the project reconfiguring existing space rather than increasing the footprint of the building.

Background papers

None

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