

General Exception Procedure Notice Pursuant to Standing Order 17 and reg 10(1) and 10(3) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangement) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Directorate:

People

Confidential or Exempt [*please state category of exempt information*]

NA

Decision Taker: Member Body or Officer [*if officer please give name and title*]

Cabinet

Proposed Date for Decision/ Time Period

15th December 2022

Summary of Matter

In May 2022, Cabinet approved delivery of a project at The Queen Elizabeth Academy to provide a new two storey modular classroom block containing 7 general teaching classrooms and ancillary space to facilitate a 1 form entry expansion (150 places) increasing the school's PAN from 120 to 150 with an education capital resources allocation of £2.265 million.

Original estimates were collated in December 2021. In the 12 months since the original quote there has been an unanticipated inflationary impact on capital projects. A protracted time period for obtaining planning permission has delayed the programme. Planning approval has now been given. Total construction budget has increased to £3.293 million, with a £1.028 million shortfall on the current allocated budget of £2.265 million. The total cost of the project remains within the DfE benchmark cost for secondary school expansion.

Allocation of additional funding required to ensure contract can be secured and construction can start January 2023 in readiness for September 2023

Proposed Decision

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the addition to the capital programme of £1.028m funded from the Department for Education grant to deliver the scheme at The Queen Elizabeth Academy, Atherstone.
2. Authorises, subject to Council's agreement to the required addition to the capital programme, the Strategic Director for People, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property, to make the necessary funding arrangements for this scheme.

If the proposed decision is made, would it be contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the policy framework or budget?

No – funds within Basic Need Allocation

List of documents/reports provided

Education Capital Programme Report (to be published for 15th December 2022 Cabinet Meeting)

List of Background Papers

None

Is consultation proposed Yes/ No *[if yes, say who and how]*

No

Members of the public wishing to make comments on this matter should write to:

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Comments should be made by

14 December 2022

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