

Portfolio Holder Decision

Creation of additional classroom space at Eastlands Primary School

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property
Date of decision	19 April 2023
	Signed

1. Decision taken

- 1.1 The Portfolio holder for Finance and Property approves the addition to the Education Capital Programme of the scheme for a modular classroom to be installed at Eastlands Primary School to accommodate an additional year 5 class at an estimated cost of £190,000 to be funded from S106 receipts

2. Reasons for decisions

- 2.1 The Portfolio holder has delegated authority to add schemes to the Capital Programme where the value is less than £2,000,000 and the scheme is fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. Funding from developer contributions can only be used for a limited range of purposes specified in the relevant agreement. The Infrastructure Team has confirmed the availability of the funding for this project, and that use of the funding is compliant.
- 2.2 Rugby Town experiences a large amount of in year pressure at Key Stage 2 (year groups 3 to 6). It has been identified by WCC Education Sufficiency that additional year 5 places are needed for the 2023/24 academic year to ensure sufficient places are available in the local area.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Large scale housing development across Rugby Town increases the number of families moving into the area and consequently the number of applications for school places. This gradually reduces the number of places available as cohorts move through the primary year groups.
- 3.2 It has been identified that with the growth in the current year 4 cohort in Rugby Town to ensure sufficient year 5 places are available into the 2023/24 academic year, it is proposed to create an additional 30 year 5 places at Eastlands Primary School.

- 3.3 It is proposed for a temporary modular classroom to be in place for two years to accommodate year 5 pupils in the 2023/24 academic year and year 6 pupils in the 2024/25 academic year. Given the short time frame to put the accommodation in place in readiness for September 2023 and the short term arrangement for the provision, hiring the accommodation rather than purchasing a solution provides the most cost effective solution in this instance.
- 3.4 A budget of £0.190 million is proposed to cover delivery, hire, installation and connection, planning, fees, ICT and furniture, fencing and contingency.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The capital works outlined in section 3 are estimated to cost £0.190 million and will be funded from developer contributions
- 4.2 Additional resource and staffing costs will be provided from the Growth Fund, part of the Dedicated Schools Grant.

5. Environmental implications

- 5.1 The modular classroom will need to meet statutory regulations which include the revised Building Regulations 2021. These new building regulations include significant changes to the regulations around ventilation and energy efficiency.
- 5.2 The creation of the additional places in the local area aims to reduce travel distance and time for families

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Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

None

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board – Nigel Minns

Legal – Guy Darvill

Finance – Brian Smith

Equality – Informed

Democratic Services – Helen Barnsley

Councillors – Councillors Dahmash, Brown and Roodhouse

Local Member(s): Cllr Jerry Roodhouse