


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

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Councillor Peter Butlin Deputy Leader (Finance & Property)
Date of Decision 23 January 2020	

Decision Taken

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.

Reasons for Decisions

Additions to the Capital Programme up the value of £2m require the approval of the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property).

Background Information

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Financial Implications

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

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	N
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	N
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	N

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://warwickshireintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=203&MId=2840&Ver=4>

List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Hayfield

Corporate Board

Legal – Jane Pollard

Finance – Virginia Rennie

Equality – Keira Rounsley

Democratic Services – Paul Williams

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