

## CABINET SPOKESPERSON (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

Record of a decision taken on ...3rd February 2020.....

### **SCHOOL PLACEMENT AND SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (2017-20): EXPANSION OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCE UNIT AT HOYLAND SPRINGWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY**

#### **Introduction**

The overriding objective of the School Placement and Sufficiency Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs, including a disability (SEN(D)) is to meet these needs, closer to home, through investing in and improving both capacity and quality within local mainstream and special schools.

As a result, this report proposes the approval of expenditure to make the required adaptations at Hoyland Springwood Primary Academy in order to create placements for up to 10 children aged 5 to 11 each of whom has been diagnosed with or is awaiting a diagnosis of complex needs, with effect from April 2020.

A summary of the costs of the proposal is set out as follows:

#### **Capital costs**

Building:	£75,000
Grounds:	£25,000
Maintenance costs:	£2,450
Sensory room:	£4,000
Classroom furniture:	£16,000
ICT equipment:	£14,700

Total capital expenditure = £ 137,150

The above will be funded from the DfE's SEN(D) special provision capital funding. The DfE has allocated Barnsley £1.3m capital funding (over 3 years) to fund increases in SEND places and to improve existing SEND facilities and provision.

#### **Revenue costs**

Total funding: £250,000 (based upon the placement of up to 10 pupils at £25,000 per pupil)

The cost per pupil comprises of place funding of £10,000 and top up funding of £15,000. Actual top up funding will be dependent on the actual number of pupils

placed at the provision. Funding for the above provision has been allowed for in the latest SEN(D) cost projections / model (High needs budget) and is in lieu of more expensive out of authority placements.

The decision to approve the use of DfE funding and to authorise such revenue expenditure for this purpose is taken in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation limits, originally agreed by Full Council at its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014. It is derived from the strategic objectives of the Borough's School Placement and Sufficiency Strategy for Children and Young People with SEN(D) which was approved for adoption by Cabinet at the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (*Minute Reference: Cabinet 15.11.2017/11*). This specific proposal is to be agreed, in principle, by the Capital Oversight Board and has the support of the Every Child Matters Multi-Academy Trust, which is the sponsoring body for Hoyland Springwood Primary Academy.

### **Key Risks Associated With The Proposed Action**

No such risks have been identified as a result of this proposal (*Please also see below*)

### **Decision Taken**

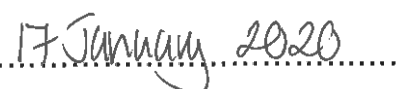
Approval is given to authorise expenditure, amounting to a total of £387,150, for the purpose of refurbishing the Additional Resource Unit at Hoyland Springwood Primary Academy. This will help provide up to 10 quality placements for children aged 5-11 who have been diagnosed with complex needs and thereby prevent these young and vulnerable children from being placed in more costly, independent provision out of the Borough. This decision will ensure greater value for money and the more effective use of available resources.

### **Certification by the Executive Director (People)**

Report cleared for consideration by the Cabinet Spokesperson (Children's Services)

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Signed (Executive Director: People)

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Date of Signature

### **Decision and Comments of the Cabinet Spokesperson**

*Please note any comments below*

**Recommendation Approved/Not Approved\* by the Cabinet Spokesperson**

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Signed (Cabinet Spokesperson:  
Children's Services)

3/2/2020  
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Date of Signature

