

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 15 December 2020

Decision No: (CAB 20/21 30717)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Children and Learning
SUBJECT:	Newlands Primary School - Resource Base for Children with a Hearing Impairment
AUTHOR:	Clodagh Freeston

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the proposal as advertised in the statutory notice, without modification, subject to the granting of planning permission. For implementation from 1 September 2022.
- (ii) To approve the spend of £1.11M for this project.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Southampton, in recent years, has seen an increase in the number of pupils with complex needs relating to their hearing impairments. Whilst the needs of the majority of these pupils can be met in mainstream schools, a number require more specialist provision. In order to meet the needs of primary aged hearing impaired pupils, it is proposed to open a new purpose built resource base at Newlands Primary School to cater for pupils aged between 4 and 11. The total number of places available will not exceed 14, increasing the available number of places by 6.
2. The new resource base will be an extension of the current school. This will ensure that the pupils are fully included in all aspects of school life.
3. This proposal ensures that the Council can meet the needs of all hearing impaired pupils in the City by increasing the number of available places.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Decision makers can reject the proposal as advised.

A failure to invest in specialist provision locally would result in unnecessary out of county independent residential placements for these children. This would cost the LA up to £540,000 per pupil over the course of their education. Investment now

produces a saving of up to £7.6M over the coming years. Additionally, children can be educated close to home giving them the best start in life. This links with the Council strategy.

Decision makers can approve the proposal with minor modification (such as start date).

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 15th December,
2020

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>