## Reference No: 2016-17.CAB.4340 KEY

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	COLWALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), PD Price.
Date of Decision:	21 July 2016
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.	
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
Urgency/Special Urgency:	No
(As defined in Constitution)	
Purpose:	To approve the building of a new school for Colwall Church of England Primary School at the identified site of Mill Lane, Colwall. This will include the purchase of land to enable building to take place and associated works to fulfil planning and transport requirements.
Decision:	THAT:
	(a) a new primary school for Colwall be located on the Mill Lane site identified in appendix 1; the purchase of land at the Mill Lane site at a cost of £1.2m, be agreed, subject to planning consent being secured;
	(b) the building of a one form entry primary school for Colwall including associated works to fulfil planning and transport requirements and fees at a cost of up to £5.1m be approved conditional on planning consent being secured;
	(c) the payment of an option agreement fee of £50,000, included in the estimated £1.2m for purchse of land,to secure the land sale be made; and
	(d) authority be delegated to the director for children's wellbeing to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations within the budget agreed.
Reasons for the Decision:	To provide a permanent, modern and fit for purpose school building for Colwall CE Primary School.
Options Considered:	The school remain in the current temporary buildings. These are not fit for purpose for a permanent school and would incur

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significant cost to rent over the long term; greater than a permanent building. Cabinet has already determined the need for a new school subject to the development of a satisfactory business case. To build a permanent school on another site. The existing site is not fit for purpose and the school continues to experience issues with underground water. A new school building on the present site has been assessed as costing significantly more than a new build on a new site. Estimates suggest costs to be £6.5m. Alternative sites have been explored and rejected as they are too constrained by planning or highway issues. The neighbourhood development planning process also identified the proposed site as the preferred one. Conflict of Interest ■ (See below): Date the key decision is due to take 27 July 2016

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a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision:

## And

effect:

in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.