

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Relocation of Broadlands Bright Sparks Pre-school to enable the granting of a lease to the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the Barrs Court School Academy Trust for the development of a new SEN Free School
<b>Date of decision:</b>	<b>09 August 2018</b>
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Chief Finance Officer
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the Herefordshire Council's constitution – Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation to Officers – Appendix 1 paragraphs 86 and 90
<b>Ward:</b>	Aylestone Hill
<b>Consultation:</b>	None
<b>Decision made:</b>	<p>Agreement to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Grant a lease to Broadlands Bright Sparks Pre-school Committee between Broadlands Bright Sparks Pre-school Committee and Aylestone High School for the use of mobile accommodation on the Aylestone site by Bright Sparks.</b></li> <li><b>2. Fund up to £100k, including all associated professional fees, for the remodeling and refurbishment of the mobile accommodation on Aylestone site to make it fit for purpose for the use by a stand-alone nursery and to provide appropriately safe and secure external play space, and create the necessary entrance and access to the facility.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Funding to be provided from £25,787 early years S106 receipts from several developments with the balance of up to £74,213 coming from 2 year old capital funding.</b></p>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Broadlands Bright Sparks Pre-school is a popular nursery judged outstanding by Ofsted in 2014 and currently occupies space in the former Broadlands Primary School which was relocated to the Aylestone site in 2015. This site is now required for the delivery of a new Special Educational Needs Free School by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.</p> <p>Alternative accommodation has been identified on the Aylestone High School site that is in close proximity to their current location however the area is not designed or set-up for use as a nursery. Refurbishment work is required to create a stand-alone area that can run independently of Aylestone with facilities appropriate for that of a nursery that will meet any standards currently expected by Ofsted.</p>

<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	Rent, inclusive of services and business rates, will be paid direct to Aylestone High School. Aylestone High School is an 11-16 community secondary school maintained by Herefordshire Council.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	No suitable alternatives were identified. Alternatives which were investigated but judged unsuitable included relocation to the White House site. This would have required a complete new building. The option to serve notice on Bright Sparks without offering alternative accommodation was considered, however there is strong community and political support for the provision, and it is required to enable the Council to ensure sufficient early years provision within its area. The pre-school serves a local community and there are no other suitable sites in the area.

<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed:

Date: 09.08.2018