

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Small Group and Nurture Room Extension at St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 July 2019
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director for Children and Families
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet member report approved 17 December 2018 ( <a href="http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5545">http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5545</a> )
<b>Ward:</b>	Holmer
<b>Consultation:</b>	The head teacher and governors of the school have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.
<b>Decision made:</b>	<p>To fund £95,500, including professional fees, for the small group and nurture room extension at St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School.</p> <p>Funding to be provided from £82,763 primary RC Section 106 receipts from various developments: Land at Holmer Road, Hillrise Community Home, 76-84 St Owens Street, Former Pomona works, Nell Gwynne Inn, Land south of A438 Bartestree and Quarry Field Lugwardine, with the remainder being funded from School devolved capital and school revenue funding.</p>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>St Francis Xaver's RC Primary is a popular and successful faith school with a diversity of cultures, pupils and abilities serving the local community.</p> <p>Pupil numbers at the school have been consistent in recent years with the school filling to capacity.</p> <p>The school is proposing to construct a small extension to the rear of the library and IT rooms to provide a much needed learning space with a nurture room for supporting vulnerable families in the school community.</p> <p>There is an ever increasing demand in the school for early help assessment to support the mental well-being of their families. If this support can be accessed early on, the impact on learning for pupils is significant. The nurture room will enable parents to meet the family support worker, in confidence, to discuss problematic issues and plan next steps to move forward. The nurture room will then provide space for pupils to undertake interventions supporting their well-being reinforcing positive behavior.</p> <p>The school also needs additional intervention areas for small group teaching enhancing communication and language skills that significantly impact upon the life chances of children. Currently children are taught in the hall and other open spaces which are not as suitable as children become distracted with interruptions. Small</p>

	<p>areas with better sound proofing would enable children to learn at a faster rate impacting on higher standards and outcomes.</p> <p>The learning zone will also include an area for meditation which would equally enhance well-being of both pupils and staff. As a faith school, the importance of prayer should never be underestimated.</p> <p>The provision of a storage area to clear equipment from the hall would make the working space safer for the learning environment. The hall would consequently have more space and children could access a larger area for their physical needs during PE and fitness sessions.</p> <p>The extension would also allow the re-modelling of existing space to improve the facilities, extending the provision of the non-core curriculum areas, including design and technology.</p>																
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School. This contribution along with schools own devolved formula capital (DFC) and revenue funding will be made available to deliver the necessary works required for the school.</p> <p>Costs for the works have been calculated as:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Extension:</td><td>£82,500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fixtures &amp; Fittings:</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fees:</td><td>£3,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td><td>£95,500</td></tr> </table> <p>The work will be funded from:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>S106:</td><td>£82,763</td></tr> <tr> <td>School DFC:</td><td>£2,737</td></tr> <tr> <td>School Revenue:</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td><td>£95,500</td></tr> </table> <p>If the proposed works are not undertaken there is a risk that children will not have access to the full curriculum and that avoidable accidents involving children, parents or staff could occur if the hall continues to be used as a dual use space.</p>	Extension:	£82,500	Fixtures & Fittings:	£10,000	Fees:	£3,000	Total:	£95,500	S106:	£82,763	School DFC:	£2,737	School Revenue:	£10,000	Total:	£95,500
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<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Consideration was given to the installation of a separate stand-alone building to provide an additional space. The costing for this scheme was considered prohibitive and as there was no other funding stream that could be utilised, it was dismissed as unaffordable.</p>																
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None																