

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Creation of Outdoor Classroom and Outdoor Play Provision at Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School					
Date of decision:	29 August 2019					
Decision maker:	Director for Children and Families					
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet member report approved 17 December 2018 (http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5545)					
Ward:	Wormside & Stoney Street					
Consultation:	The head teacher and governors of the school have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.					
Decision made:	<p>To fund £69,010, including professional fees, for the outdoor classroom and outdoor play provision at Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School.</p> <p>Funding to be provided from £68,563 primary Section 106 receipts from the Whitehouse Drive Kingstone development, with the remainder being funded from School devolved capital.</p>					
Reasons for decision:	<p>The school is proposing to construct an additional outdoor teaching space for groups of children. Pupil numbers at the school have been steadily increasing and there is a shortage of small group room spaces at the school. The space is also intended to be used for pastoral sessions as the school have extended their pastoral team to meet current provision and currently do not have a designated area for the sessions.</p> <p>The KS1 play area has recently been decommissioned due to safety reasons. The school have subsequently planned an imaginative play area that can double as part of the classroom learning as well as a playtime area, maximizing the space of the school grounds and distributing pupils into different areas to ease congestion. They have also included a stage area which can be used for performances in literacy, and designed the area to be as flexible as possible to support the EYFS / KS1 curriculum.</p>					
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School. This contribution along with schools own devolved formula capital (DFC) 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><tr><td>Outdoor classroom</td><td>£55,080</td></tr><tr><td>Outdoor play</td><td>£11,800</td></tr></table>		Outdoor classroom	£55,080	Outdoor play	£11,800
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	FF&E	£2,130					
	Total:	£69,010					
	The work will be funded from:						
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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.							
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Consideration was given to extending the building to create an additional teaching space. The school already have a forest school area in the playground which works really well and it was felt that an indoor classroom space in that area would be invaluable and was much needed for increasing numbers.</p> <p>An alternative outdoor play provision area could have been designed however it was considered that the option proposed gave the most flexible combined learning and play environment.</p>						
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None						

Signed

Date: 29 August 2019