

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Internal Reconfiguration at Kingsland CE Primary School
Date of decision:	7 October 2019
Decision maker:	Director 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:	Bircher
Consultation:	The head teacher and governors of the school have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.
Decision made:	<p>To fund £27,000, including professional fees, for the internal reconfiguration works at Kingsland CE Primary School.</p> <p>Funding to be provided from primary Section 106 receipts from St Mary's Farm, Kingsland and School devolved capital.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>Kingsland CE Primary is a popular and high performing school in rural Herefordshire, being within the top 1% of schools in the county for reading. It has been judged as Outstanding by Ofsted since 2007 and by SIAMS in 2018.</p> <p>The scheme has been developed to maximize the potential of the restricted school site and to upgrade the teaching and learning spaces through a reconfiguration of the current rooms and their uses.</p> <p>The current staff room will be reconfigured into a teaching and learning space which will be utilised by the Year 2 children every morning. Currently, they are taught in the school hall, which is not fit for this purpose. This will also then allow for the hall to be used by other classes when required to develop the teaching and learning of more practical subjects, such as drama and the performing arts. The new teaching and learning space will be used by intervention groups every afternoon, as well as provide a space for more specialised activities, such as DT, where the current provision is restricted. It is also an opportunity to introduce new technology for the benefit of all pupils.</p> <p>The current music room will be reconfigured into a new staffroom, being a more practical size and position within the main building.</p> <p>The Pod (a stand-alone structure, outside of the main school building) will then become the new music room, being a more useful size and away from the other classrooms, reducing noise disruption across the school. This provision will also enhance the safeguarding provision for children and music teachers as The Pod is fully visible</p>

	<p>from the school office.</p> <p>The impact this reconfiguration will have will be felt right across the school, maximising the space and facilities they have, and enabling them to further develop the 'outstanding' provision they are able to offer to every child.</p>						
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards Kingsland CE 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 £27,000.</p> <p>The work will be funded from:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>S106:</td><td>£26,451</td></tr> <tr> <td>School DFC:</td><td>£549</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td><td>£27,000</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>	S106:	£26,451	School DFC:	£549	Total:	£27,000
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<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Do nothing: This was not considered appropriate as the areas in the school were not being utilized as effectively as they could or providing the best learning environment for the children despite the school having an Outstanding Ofsted rating.</p> <p>An alternative internal reconfiguration could have been designed however it was considered that the option proposed provided the best arrangement for a learning environment.</p>						
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>						

Signed

Date: 07/10/2019