

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Provision of Outdoor Canopy at St Thomas Cantilupe CE Primary School						
Date of decision:	5 November 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:	Widemarsh						
Consultation:	The head teacher and governors of the school have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.						
Decision made:	<p>To fund £9,035, including professional fees, for an external canopy to the reception class at St Thomas Cantilupe CE Primary School.</p> <p>Funding to be provided from primary Section 106 receipts from Nell Gwynne Inn, and school devolved capital.</p>						
Reasons for decision:	<p>Access to and egress from the reception classroom at St Thomas Cantilupe is via the dedicated play area for the class. Currently there is no protected cover outside this play area which doubles as a free-flow space for children to play during the day. The provision of a canopy has provided the weatherproofing needed for access and egress, to enable free-flow play and enable more children to benefit from the outside facilities and explore their outdoor environment all year round.</p> <p>The project was subject to a competitive tendering exercise with the contractor providing the most cost effective tender being recommended for appointment.</p>						
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards St Thomas Cantilupe 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 £9,035:</p> <p>The work will be funded from:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>S106:</td><td>£8,859</td></tr> <tr> <td>School DFC:</td><td>£176</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td><td>£9,035</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.</p>	S106:	£8,859	School DFC:	£176	Total:	£9,035
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Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Do nothing. This was not considered to be an option as the facilities available for children in this classroom needed to be improved and enable free-flow to the outside environment.</p> <p>An alternative style of canopy could have been identified however it was considered that the option proposed gave the most flexible combined learning and play environment.</p>
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Details of any declarations of interest made:	None
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Signed

Date: 5 November 2019