

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	To approve the appointment of Land Science to complete non-invasive ground survey investigations the for the Brookfield School Improvement capital project
Date of decision:	12 February 2021
Decision maker:	Director for Children and Families
Authority for delegated decision:	Cabinet decision on 28th April 2020 to delegate authority for all operational decision in implementing the Brookfield Special School Capital Improvement Programme to Director for Children and Families, to be recorded as officer decisions accordingly. Link to decision: https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6799
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Consultation has taken place with the legal officers who are supportive of the proposal
Decision made:	Directly appoint Land Science to complete the non-invasive ground survey investigations which are required to inform the proposals for redevelopment of the Brookfield School as part of the Brookfield School Capital Improvement project.
Reasons for decision:	<p>On the 28th April 2020 the Cabinet agreed to undertake capital improvements to the Brookfield Special School.</p> <p>Following a design process undertaken to improve compliance with BB104 by the multi-disciplinary consultants, McBains, a design has been finalised and agreed with the school from an operational perspective.</p> <p>To ensure that the proposed design is suitable for its purpose the non-invasive site ground survey investigations are required to ensure that all land conditions are known to reduce the risk of redesign later in the programme of works.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The cost of the works are included in the Brookfield School Improvement budget that was approved by Cabinet and in the cabinet decision on 28th April 2020.</p> <p>Without the approval to appoint Land Science directly there is risk of additional costs being incurred at the construction stage of the project as any potential hazards would not be identified.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>An alternative option would be to not appoint Land Science but this was rejected on the following grounds;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing school site and its buildings were constructed over twenty years ago and no accurate record of below ground composition is available • Completing the non-invasive investigations prior to construction would minimise the risk of any additional cost of redesign required during construction phase of the project

Details of any declarations of interest made:	None
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Signed

Chris Baird
Director for Children and Families

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