

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Internal remodelling to create nursery provision at St Mary's CE Primary School, Credenhill				
Date of decision:	15 December 2021				
Decision maker:	Corporate Director Children and Young People				
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:	Credenhill				
Consultation:	The head teacher and governors of the school and the private nursery provider have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.				
Decision made:	To fund £69,573, including professional fees, for the provision of a nursery space at St Mary's CE Primary School, Credenhill. Funding to be provided from early years Section 106 receipts from various developments and School devolved capital.				
Reasons for decision:	<p>St Mary's CE Primary is a popular and successful school that has a current Ofsted rating of Good.</p> <p>Last year the school were approached by a private early years' provider who currently operates within the village to investigate the possibility of relocating onto the school site. The school has no dedicated nursery provision on site. The nursery is currently operating out of the community centre and all equipment has to be set out and packed up at the end of each day. The facilities are not entirely suitable for nursery provision.</p> <p>The new provision will utilize an unused space at the school which will be refurbished and remodeled to create an inspiring early years setting that will have its own dedicated access created from the rear car park and a dedicated outdoor play area. The access route will be kept secured from the main school areas and have its own intercom system. The provision will provide 3-4 year old places and promote a more seamless transition from nursery into reception class.</p>				
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards early years provision. 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 border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Remodelling:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£63,385</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fees:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,188</td> </tr> </table>	Remodelling:	£63,385	Fees:	£6,188
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<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Consideration was given to the early years' provider utilizing the existing mobile at the front of the school site which is currently used for after school provision. There would be no additional parking available for this option and access to the mobile was constricted by the narrowness of the road. In addition the exit onto the main road is not the easiest in terms of visibility. This option was therefore dismissed as being unsuitable.</p> <p>A modular build could have been provided closer to the rear car park as a stand-alone unit. The costing for this scheme was considered prohibitive and as there was no further funding stream that could be utilized, it was dismissed as unaffordable.</p> <p>An alternative layout could have been identified however it was considered that the option proposed gave the most flexible combined learning and play environment whilst maintaining the safeguarding of children at the school.</p>								
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>								

Signed

Darryl Freeman
Corporate Director Children and Young People

Date: 15 December 2021