

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To award a construction contract to Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Limited to complete the works required for the expansion of Marlbrook Primary School and to approve the expenditure of the construction and contingency budget.
Date of decision:	5 May 2020
Decision maker:	Director for Children and Families
Authority delegated decision:	<p>The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved on the 27th November 2019. http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6457</p> <p>The Cabinet Decision approved</p> <p>a) the revised business case for the expansion of Marlbrook Primary School at Appendix 1 be approved;</p> <p>b) a revised scheme cost of up to £6.141m be approved (being an additional £1.006m to the previously approved cost); and</p> <p>c) the Director for Children and Families be authorised to take all operational decision necessary to implement the above recommendations within the agreed budget.</p>
Ward:	Redhill
Consultation:	<p>Cabinet debated and approved a report on the Expansion of Marlbrook primary school on the 27th November 2019. http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6457</p> <p>Political groups were consulted on the revised business case submission prior to the cabinet decision. It was stressed that the scheme should be closely monitored in terms of budget tracking to ensure the project is delivered within budget.</p> <p>The cabinet member for assets and the cabinet member for children and families were supportive of the scheme.</p>

Decision made:	<p>a) To award a contract to Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Limited (Morgan Sindall) up to the value of £4,866,452 to complete the expansion of Marlbrook Primary School.</p> <p>b) To allocate up to the value of £322,000 of the contingency budget to enable Herefordshire Council to enter into contract with Morgan Sindall</p> <p>The budget detailed in the cabinet report relating to this decision to spend are as follow:</p> <p>http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6457</p> <p><u>The original construction budget</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Item</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Construction</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,544,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingency</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£626,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,171,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Revised construction budget</p>	Item	Budget	Construction	£4,544,500	Contingency	£626,500	Total	£5,171,000
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	Construction	£4,866,500
	Contingency	£304,500
	Total	£5,171,000
Reasons for decision:	<p>1) To allow the council to enter into stage 2 of the construction contract with Morgan Sindall to complete the expansion of Marlbrook Primary School. A total contract sum has been agreed with the contractor for the value of £4,866,452. The council has already paid Morgan Sindall for works to a value of £730,613 which leaves an outstanding order of £4,135,839 to be authorized.</p> <p>2) To move the contingency budget to enable the council to award the construction contract to Morgan Sindall.</p>	
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>a) By not appointing Morgan Sindall, the council is at risk of not completing the expansion of Marlbrook Primary School on time and will prolong the use of mobile classrooms at the school which are no-longer adequate for learning and is not in line with the schools capital strategy which aims to remove all mobile classrooms in schools as part of any capital investment.</p> <p>b) The school is at risk of not having enough space or facilities to accommodate the intake of pupils in September 2021. The facilities will not be appropriate and further temporary accommodation will be required which will be an additional expense for the council to incur.</p>	
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>The project could be abandoned in its entirety and/or further temporary classrooms could be provided to accommodate growing pupil numbers instead of a new school building. This is not recommended as current accommodation does not meet the Department for Education's Building Bulletin 103 Area Guidelines for Schools recommendations, and the Schools Capital Investment Strategy aims to remove temporary classrooms.</p> <p>Not to award the construction contract to Morgan Sindall. This option is not recommended as a competitive tendering process was carried out and the project will not be completed on time and delay will cost the council a significant amount of money.</p> <p>Re-tender for another contractor. This option is not recommended as the bid received through the tendering process was evaluated on a cost / quality basis and produced a satisfactory score. To award to a different construction provider would require a new competitive tendering process to be completed which would result in a delay putting the contract in place.</p>	
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None Recorded	

Signed

Date: 5 May 2020