

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	To approve the appointment of Hayhurst & Co Architects to prepare a developed design for the rebuild of Peterchurch Primary School on its current site
Date of decision:	4 August 2021
Decision maker:	Interim Director Children and Families
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved 3 December 2020 https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7383
Ward:	Golden Valley North
Consultation:	<p>Cabinet debated and approved to move to the next stage of the rebuild of Peterchurch Primary school, RIBA stage 3 Developed Design, on 3 December 2020.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with the head teacher, Chair of governors, local parish and ward councillor who agreed to the rebuild of Peterchurch primary school.</p> <p>The cabinet member for commissioning, procurement and assets and the cabinet member for children & families have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal.</p> <p>Political groups were consulted on the proposal and no objections were received. Comments were received regarding the green certification of the new build which will be a key requirement of the design.</p>
Decisions made:	<p>To award a contract to Hayhurst & Co Architects following a successful tendering exercise to prepare a developed design for Peterchurch Primary School. The appointment to be based on an initial cost of £169,900 plus associated contingency, surveys, statutory and professional fees. A total cost not exceeding £300k.</p> <p>To fund the works from the existing Peterchurch Area School Investment budget.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the project manager to authorise spend and manage budget up to the value of £300k for the services described above.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>Peterchurch primary school occupies buildings which are in poor condition and which are unsuitable in many respects for the provision of primary education.</p> <p>In order to ensure that funding allocated to the rebuild of Peterchurch Primary School was properly targeted, a feasibility study was undertaken in order to prepare a concept design and identify the scale, scope and high level cost of work to be undertaken.</p> <p>The feasibility study demonstrated that a new build project delivers better value</p>

	<p>for money both in the short and the longer term. In addition it gives the council an opportunity to build its first carbon neutral school with green building certification showcasing its ambition to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.</p> <p>During this next stage, the concept design will be further developed with the architectural, building services and structural engineering designs being developed and, crucially, the cost information aligned to the Project Budget.</p> <p>Hayhurst have been selected following a competitive tendering exercise in accordance with the council's contract procedure rules.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The costs for the developed design will be funded from the Peterchurch Area School Investment budget which has been approved by Council and in the cabinet decision on 3 December 2020.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Not to award. This option is not recommended as a competitive tendering process has been carried out and twelve compliant bid submissions were received from consultants. The developed design is required to inform the next steps for the replacement of Peterchurch Primary school on the current site.</p> <p>Award to a different consultant. This option is not recommended as all bids received through the tendering process were evaluated on a cost / quality basis and the successful consultant was considered to offer the best value.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

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