

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	To approve a variation to the Schools' Expansions Feasibilities contract
Date of decision:	20 October 2021
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Education, Development and Skills
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved on 21 January 2021 https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7531
Ward:	All Wards
Consultation:	<p>Cabinet debated and approved a report on the Schools Capital Investment Programme on 21 January 2021.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with head teachers, Chair of governors, the Diocese/Archdiocese and ward councillors who are supportive of the proposals.</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 proposals.</p> <p>Political groups were consulted on the schools capital investment programme and no objections or comments were received.</p> <p>The proposed variation was approved at Programme Board on 7 October 2021.</p>
Decisions made:	<p>To approve contract variation No.1 to amend the schedule to the Schools' Expansion Feasibilities contract as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove Staunton-on-Wye Primary School • Add Whitecross High School • Add Hereford Pupil Referral Service
Reasons for decision:	<p>Staunton-on-Wye primary School has constructed an additional classroom which could accommodate an increase in pupil numbers. A feasibility study to investigate a potential expansion is therefore no longer required.</p> <p>Whitecross High School has previously indicated a willingness to increase the PAN so a feasibility study to investigate the development options is required. It should be noted that the feasibility study will address the challenges and complexities of the school being a PFI school.</p> <p>Hereford Pupil Referral Service (HPRS) require feasibility studies to see how short and long term changes to the buildings could be made to accommodate additional pupils, HPRS could be remodelled to provide fit for purpose teaching spaces or</p>

	could be combined to provide a single site facility.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The initial tender for the Schools' Expansions Feasibility contract was under budget, therefore, the proposed variation can be contained within the approved budget.</p> <p>Whitecross High School is a PFI school. As such, the feasibility study will address the challenges and complexities surrounding the development of a PFI school.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed *Ceri Morgan*

Date: 21.10.21

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