

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Creation of early years sensory garden at Brockhampton Primary School						
<b>Date of decision:</b>	21 January 2022						
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director Children and Young People						
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet member report approved 17 December 2018 ( <a href="http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5545">http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5545</a> )						
<b>Ward:</b>	Bromyard Bringsty						
<b>Consultation:</b>	The head teacher, governors and mental health pupil ambassadors of the school have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the plans.						
<b>Decision made:</b>	To fund £3,160, for the creation of an early years sensory garden at Brockhampton Primary School.  Funding to be provided from £2,331 early years Section 106 receipts from land of acreage, Whitbourne, with the remainder being funded from School devolved capital funding.						
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Brockhampton is a popular school. They are committed to pupil wellbeing and run a Mental Ambassadors Project in the school.</p> <p>The sensory garden project will help them to achieve their goals by creating an area that will help their nursery and reception children engage in activities linked to the values they are promoting. It will become a central area for developing sensory and mental health awareness and will contribute enormously to the PSED curriculum.</p> <p>Two areas in the school have been identified that can be integrated into one large sensory garden. The garden will be situated outside the nursery and reception classes so they have daily access to it. That way it will be used as part of the curriculum, giving the children new and first time experiences.</p>						
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards early years provision in the Brockhampton area. These contributions 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 £3,160:</p> <p>The work will be funded from:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>S106:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,331</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School DFC:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£829</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,160</td> </tr> </table> <p>If the proposed works are not undertaken there is a risk that children will not have access to the full curriculum and will not</p>	S106:	£2,331	School DFC:	£829	Total:	£3,160
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	develop to meet their full potential.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Do nothing. This was not considered to be an option as the facilities available for nursery and reception aged children needed to be improved and the benefits of this project spoke for themselves.</p> <p>An alternative outdoor play provision area could have been designed however it was considered that the option proposed gave the most flexible combined learning and play environment.</p>

<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None
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Signed

Corporate Director Children and Young People

Date: 21/01/2022