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**Meeting of the Decision Session –  
Executive Member for Education,  
Children and Young People**

**26 July 2016**

Report of the Director of Children’s Services, Education and Skills

**Proposed use of Basic Need funding to support  
improvements to facilities at Archbishop Holgate’s  
Academy**

**Summary**

1. This paper describes work that needs to take place to improve facilities at Archbishop Holgate’s Church of England Academy. There is an urgent need (from 1 September 2016) for increased capacity in terms of social space and dining facilities to accommodate growing pupil numbers at Archbishop Holgate’s.

**Recommendations**

2. The Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People is asked to approve the use of £206,000 of Basic Need funding to support improvements to the catering facilities and social spaces at Archbishop Holgate’s Church of England Academy as detailed at Option 2 below.

Reason: As a result of the continued growth in pupil numbers the current catering facilities and social spaces at the school are no longer adequate to meet the school’s requirements.

**Background**

3. Archbishop Holgate’s has seen a rise in pupil numbers following the closure of Burnholme Community College. In September 2016 the school is due to receive 271 Year 7 pupils despite their published admission number being 216. This is placing additional and on-going pressures on the catering and social spaces on the school site.
4. We believe the school are proposing to increase their published admission number from September 2018 to 243 to accommodate

the predicted increase in pupil numbers up to and including 2020. We are predicting that the number of pupils being admitted to the school is likely to exceed 243 because of demand from both within and outside of its catchment. This inevitably will result in an urgent need to build additional facilities at the school to meet the needs of a rising school roll.

5. In September 2014 City of York Council worked with the school to provide additional classroom space to meet the projected growth in pupil numbers. Whilst this resolved the issue of classroom space it did not address the need for further development of the catering facilities on site to meet the growth in pupil numbers.
6. In order to ensure the smooth running of the school and to meet the needs of pupils it is now necessary to provide additional catering facilities and extra social spaces.

### **Consultation**

7. The school has consulted with the council's school place planning team and procurement team to ensure that the proposed improvements to the school site have been fully considered and appropriate processes have been followed. The school has approached the council to discuss whether the improvements could be funded using Section 106 payments from Derwenthorpe development. The Section 106 payments from the scheme were identified to provide additional primary school places in the area and therefore this scheme would not be eligible for the use of Section 106 funding. However, both the school place planning and procurement team have supported the need for the improvements from September 2016 to meet the needs caused by the growth in pupil numbers. The procurement team has worked with the school to give assurance that the procurement and contracting processes followed by the school have been robust. This would allow the project to move forward and be completed by September 2016, should the funding be approved.

### **Options and Analysis**

8. The school has considered a number of options to resolve the issue of how to create additional social/catering space these options are outlined below.

### Option 1

9. Creating a new building within a courtyard, the total space of created would be (103SqM and 35SqM). The school employed LHL Architects to start to work up this plan, however it became apparent that the cost of this would be substantially more than the funding available (estimated cost £280,000 + fees – March 2016). Additionally, the building was planned to be built via a 'traditional build', with this meaning that this would not be complete till after September 2016 (probably January 2017).

### Option 2

10. Alternative options have been considered and explored, with the key constraints being funding and timing (completion by September 2016). This resulted in the best option being the use of modular buildings to create a permanent building at the front of the School, as this could be sourced at a price within the £206,000 of basic need funding available to support the project and also given prompt action would also be able to be completed for September 2016.

### Option 3

11. Do nothing. This option has been considered however, is felt not to be a viable option due to the strain that will be placed on the school as a result of the increase in pupil numbers. The school's current catering facilities would be inadequate to meet the needs of the additional pupil numbers if no changes were made for September 2016. This would be operationally difficult for the school to manage and would impact on the quality of the pupils' educational experience.

### **Council Plan**

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### **Implications**

#### **Financial**

13. The funding to support this scheme would be available from unallocated and therefore available Basic Need. Should Education

Section 106 payments from the Derwenthorpe development become available at a future date these will be returned to the overall Basic Need budget.

### **Legal**

14. The Council has a statutory duty under the Education Act 1996 to ensure the provision of sufficient primary and secondary school places in the area. This proposal will assist in meeting that duty.

### **Other Implications**

15. There are no Human Resources, Equalities, Crime & Disorder, Information Technology or Property implications arising from this report.

### **Risk Management**

16. The rise in pupil numbers at the school is putting pressure on the existing catering facilities and social areas, this places additional operational pressures on the school in terms of its day to day management of pupils. The growth in secondary numbers between 2016 and 2020 means that the school does need to add additional facilities to accommodate additional pupils and to maintain the high quality of education it provides. In order to ensure that the new facilities can be developed in a timely and cost effective way the school has explored a number of options resulting in the preferred option being the construction of a modular building which would be affordable within the £206,000 budget. The use of basic need funding would only be allocated on the condition that should the costs of the project increase the council would not be liable for providing additional funding and the liability for covering any increase in costs would lie with the school.

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## Background Papers

None

## Annexes

None