

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People
Date	26 July 2016
Present	Councillor Rawlings

5. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests he may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

6. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 30 June 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

7. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

8. Proposed use of Basic Need funding to support improvements to facilities at Archbishop Holgate's Academy

The Executive Member considered a report that detailed work that needed to take place to improve facilities at Archbishop Holgate's Church of England Academy. It was noted that there was an urgent need (from 1 September 2016) for increased capacity in terms of social space and dining facilities to accommodate growing pupil numbers at the school.

Officers drew attention to the growth in pupil numbers at the school, as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report and to

the consultation that had taken place regarding the proposed improvements to the school.

The Executive Member considered the options detailed in paragraphs 9 to 11 of the report. Officers explained that Option 1 in the report would be a traditional build which meant that it would not be completed for September 2016. Option 2 would use modular buildings to create a permanent building at the front of the school. This option was more cost effective than Option 1 and the work could be completed more quickly.

The Executive Member stated that he recognised the need to ensure that pupils had access to good facilities as well as classroom accommodation. He sought assurances that the use of modular buildings would provide facilities that were of good quality. Officers stated that the use of modular buildings was now common in school building. They were durable and of good quality and the feedback from users had been very positive.

The Executive Member sought clarification as to whether pupil numbers at the school would level out. He was informed that this was the case and hence the buildings would be fit for purpose.

Resolved: That 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, (Option 2 - as detailed in paragraph 10 of the report), be approved.

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.

Executive Member

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.12 pm].