

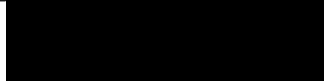
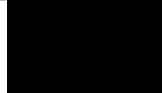
Urgent Cabinet Report/Delegated Decision Form

Report/Decision Title	South Bank Primary School Extension
Date of request	18.3.2024
Date of meeting/decision	

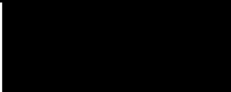
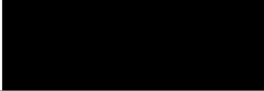

Urgent – General Exception - Reasons for urgency outlined below

To instruct the incumbent PFI operator, Robertsons FM to appoint the preferred construction sub contractor to deliver an agreed scheme of extension works at South bank Primary School. Urgency due to Forward Plan entry not being in place, and some urgency to commence construction to ensure timely provision of pupil places.

I confirm that the relevant chair of Scrutiny and Improvement Committee (or if there is not chair, the whole committee individually) and the Cabinet Member have been informed by notice in writing of the decision to be taken.

Officer name (Delegated Power Author)	Ian Dunn	Officer Signature		Date	18.3.2024
Assistant Director Name	Clare Mahoney	Assistant Director signature		Date	18.3.2024

This urgent report/decision has been seen and agreed by the following:

Officer / Member	Signature
Managing Director	
Section 151 Officer	
Monitoring Officer	

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	CF-24-028
Corporate Plan Priority	Start Life Well
Delegation Title	South Bank Primary School Extension
Delegated Power Number	455 Exercise power of exemption to Standing orders in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract procedure Rules: v. there are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional
Date of Exercise	16/04/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bill Suthers
Assistant Director	Clare Mahoney

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Key - Executive
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	N/A
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Urgent - General Exception - Forms Attached

Background to decision:

The project proposes to implement a 2 classroom extension at South Bank Primary School. The school is local authority maintained. The school has a SEND unit, which originally has a 25 pupil capacity. This is increasingly over-subscribed, with the Council's SEN team experiencing pressure to secure appropriate placements. The existing pressure from the expanding SEN need for space at the school is resulting in a reduction in mainstream space availability. The extension will allow a further 15 SEN places, but enable mainstream capacity to remain the unchanged.

The project proposes to extend the school by developing 2 new standard sized classrooms, with attached toilet facilities and dedicated external play. The space will allow the establishment of a dedicated SEN area in one part of the school to allow improved dedicated provision, though the ethos remains one of integration into the mainstream.

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Decision Considerations:

The South Bank Primary is one of the 5 schools within the Modern Schools (Redcar) PFI. The contract has 11 years remaining. The Council's existing PFI contract has a facilities management element, for whom the incumbent provider, Robertsons FM, is proposed to let and manage a construction sub contract to deliver the works. This will be instructed by an Authority Notice for Change, as per the provisions of the existing contract.

Contract arrangements dictate that if any works are undertaken at the Authority's request, the provider must demonstrate best value, and as such it has sought 3 quotations for the agreed scope of works from sub regional construction contractors. Robertsons FM will thus have a duty to manage the works on behalf of the Council, securing any consents, managing Health & Safety issues, access and ensuring timely delivery without impact on the day to day operation of the PFI contract or school facility availability. The works scope has been preceded by a feasibility study and detailed design to determine achievability.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to instruct the incumbent PFI provider, Robertsons FM to appoint the preferred construction sub-contractor to deliver an agreed scheme of extension works at South Bank Primary School. The Council's PFI manager will oversee the works as client manager and liaise with the Children & Families Directorate over project detailed scope and delivery. The contract period is 22 weeks with an estimated commencement date of 6th May 2024.

Financial detail:

The works are a one-off procurement through extension to existing contract provisions. The sum referenced includes management costs of the Facilities Management provider Robertsons FM and the construction cost. The sum below includes a client held contingency.

The value of the contract is up to £890,000.

Funding for the project is being sourced through Basic Need and High Needs Capital Fund grants from the Department for Education ringfenced for this purpose.

Delivering Social Value:

This commission will assist the Council in meeting its objectives in ensuring the best environment for children to learn in their local schools.

The proposed construction sub-contractor is based in the Tees valley and operates a considerable number of in-house trades that will deliver the scheme. Discussions will be had once in contract about the potential for dedicated social value opportunities.





Reasons for Decision:

The proposal is a key step in providing additional capacity for our learners with SEN needs in a local primary setting.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

Do nothing – not an option as this would potentially lead to an unacceptable number of families not being able to secure a place locally.



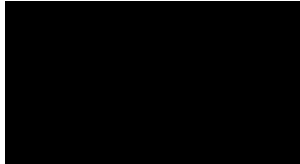
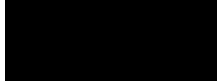
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<p>Dedicated new build provision –Separate, ‘new school’ provision would not be affordable and does not meet the needs of integrating children into the mainstream.</p>			
<p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:</p>			
<p>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest: This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>			
<p>Background Papers: State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)</p>			
Officer Name (Print)	Ian Dunn		
Officer Signature			
Submission date	13.3.2024		
Procurement Approval	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Request complies with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules</td> </tr> </table>		Request complies with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules
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Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN 	Date 16/04/2024
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER 	Date 15/04/2024
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER 	Date 10/04/2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES 	Date 15/04/2024

Call-In (Key Decisions Only)

Date Decision will become effective	25.04.24
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