

Urgent Cabinet Report/Delegated Decision Form

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| Report/Decision Title | Provision of additional Funding Contribution to enable Kilton Thorpe Primary School to develop a new SEND nursery provision |
| Date of request | 27.4.2023 |
| Date of meeting/decision | |

Urgent – General Exception - Reasons for urgency outlined below

Following receipt of tenders by the school, additional funding support is required in order to ensure the project goes ahead and is required urgently in order to adhere to the planned delivery of nursery places in September 2023, to meet identified needs.

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.

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| Officer name (Delegated Power Author) | Ian Dunn | Officer Signature | | Date | 27.4.2023 |
| Assistant Director Name | Clare Mahoney | Assistant Director signature | | Date | 27.04.23 |

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.

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| Reference | CF-23-033 |
| Corporate Plan Priority | Meeting Residents' Needs |
| Delegation Title | Provision of additional Funding Contribution to enable Kilton Thorpe Primary School to develop a new SEND nursery provision |
| Delegated Power Number | 81 – Agree and implement financial transfers between the Council and external bodies |
| Date of Exercise | Click here to enter a date. |
| Cabinet Member | Cllr Alison Barnes |
| Assistant Director | Clare Mahoney |

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| 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 | N/A |
| Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only) | Urgent - General Exception - Forms Attached |

Background to Decision:

In support of the Council's SEND strategy and identification of a shortfall of nursery places in the Borough for pupils with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND), the provision of additional nursery provision in adequately resourced settings is being sought.

Kilton Thorpe Academy propose to establish a new 10 place specialist assessment nursery provision in a new build standalone unit on their main school site in Brotton. This will provide parents with increased choice and help plug gaps in provision, particularly in East Cleveland. The project has been developed in conjunction with the Council's SEND team and will help increase the number of places that the team can place children into.

On 23.9.2022, a Delegated Authority was approved in awarding Kilton Thorpe Academy £250,000 toward the development of the nursery.

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Decision Considerations:

The school are currently underway with developing a standalone block that will free up space to enable the development of the proposed dedicated nursery. The new nursery design has been fully designed and tenders let through a competitive process. These have returned in excess of the original budget available. While a full review and value engineering exercise will be undertaken, there is expected to remain a funding gap over that available.

Therefore, in order to fully fund the works, and ensure it is delivered on time to see the planned provision in place by September 2023, it is proposed that up to an additional £120,000 be made available. This would be through a variation to the existing funding agreement.

Full details of decision:

To increase the existing funding agreement from £250,000 to a maximum of £370,000 to help cover increased project costs following competitive tendering.

Financial detail:

Provide additional grant funding of up to £120,000 toward the agreed nursery project. Grant funding will thus be to a maximum total of £370,000 and is to be made available from the High Needs Capital Grant Fund allocation, which is a Department for Education grant to the Council for development of SEND places. The project is in line with the grant criteria.

Delivering Social Value:

The project will provide further capacity and quality or provision to support parents and pupils within the Borough identified as being in need of places that will be made available and enhanced. The recipient has sought tenders from local construction companies, as required in the funding agreement.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable the development of a 10 place SEND nursery, which is an identified need in the Borough.

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

None deliverable at this time.

Officers are constantly reviewing potential opportunities to create appropriate provision with partner providers, from which this provision has been developed.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

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| This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member. | | |
| <p>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p> | | |
| <p>Background Papers:</p> <p>State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)</p> | | |
| Officer Name (Print) | Ian Dunn | |
| Officer Signature | | |
| Submission date | 27.4.2023 | |
| Procurement Approval | N/A | This must be the electronic signature of the Procurement Officer to confirm the decision complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules |

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Signatures

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| CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER | Date 03/05/2023 |
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Call-In (Key Decisions Only)

Call-in applies.

Reasons for dis-applying Call-In due to urgency to be added here if relevant. This will need to be reported to the next meeting of the Borough Council and the reasons must demonstrate that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

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| Date Decision will become effective | 16/05/23 To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency applies. |
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