

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Education and Skills, Human Resources and Performance |
| Date: | 8 May 2019 |
| Title: | Deer Park School, Hedge End |
| Report From: | Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services |

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1. The Decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Education and Skills, Human Resources and Performance grants spend approval to the project proposals for Deer Park School at the total cost of £21,266,000

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 Deer Park School is a new 7-form entry secondary Free School, being procured and delivered by Hampshire County Council on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE) as part of the national Free Schools programme. The County Council has been commissioned by the DfE to oversee the design and building of a number of central government funded Free School projects through an arrangement referred to as "Local Delivery". This enables the County Council to hold significant control over the process and product which is of benefit to the pupils and staff who occupy these schools. The funding envelope is very restricted but HCC Property Services are investing time and skills to maintain quality as much as is possible.

2.2 The school is required to meet the forecast increase in secondary pupil numbers for the Botley and Hedge End area, together with the anticipated demand for secondary school places arising from the new homes to be built as part of the Uplands Farm Estate development. Accommodating 1050 pupils aged 11 – 16 years, it will have 7 forms of entry and is planned to open in September 2021. The school site has been master-planned to enable the school to be expanded to 9 forms of entry in the future

2.3 The school is to be an academy run by the Wildern Academy Trust which was selected by the DfE in a competitive process. The County Council will continue to work in partnership with the academy to provide the best learning

environment possible within the legislative framework for the benefit of the pupils and local community.

- 2.4 The new school is to be located on land owned by the County Council between Hedge End and Botley, within the County Council's proposed residential development of the Uplands Farm Estate. The school and the residential development are the subject of a combined Regulation 4 planning application to Eastleigh Borough Council. A resolution to grant planning permission was achieved in January of this year, with full permission being subject to a number of conditions. Officers are working through these with the Local Planning Authority.
- 2.5 The school site will be leased to the Wildern Academy Trust for 125 years, as required by the DfE, subject to a lease premium of £950,000 to be paid to the County Council by the DfE.
- 2.6 Funded by the DfE and developers' contributions previously secured by the Council, the estimated cost of the new school is £21,266,000. Once planning permission is obtained, a Works Funding Agreement and a Development Agreement will be agreed with the DfE confirming their formal approval to their funding and granting authority to the County Council to let the construction contract.
- 2.7 The building will have a number of significant environmental features including a substantial photovoltaic array on the roof and recycling of the "grey water" to use rainwater for suitable uses to reduce the volume of fresh mains water consumed. The County Council worked in partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council, the planning authority for this school, to ensure the DfE funded these initiatives which will reduce running costs and carbon consumption.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Alternative bids were received and evaluated but were unsuccessful.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Stephen Reid
Executive Member for Education and Skills, Human
Resources and Performance**

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