

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Thursday, 27 June 2019

**Decision No:** (OD 19/20 24168)

DECISION-MAKER:	SERVICE DIRECTOR – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ASPIRATION, CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING
SUBJECT:	BITTERNE PARK AUTISM RESOURCE BASE (COMPLETION & EXPANSION TO 48 PLACES)
AUTHOR:	EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME MANAGER

### THE DECISION

Having complied with the requirements of Rule 16 (urgency) of the Access to Information procedure Rules, it is recommended:

(i) To approve internal delegated powers (officer delegated decision) i.e. Service Director Children, Families and Education to sign the contract for £532,002.49 to commence the works.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This report is submitted for consideration as urgent under Rule 16 of the Access to Information procedure Rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution, notice having been given to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the public. The matter requires an urgent decision and cannot be deferred for 5 clear days.
2. Southampton City Council has above national average of pupils with special Education need. To deal with ever increasing financial pressures, it was decided to create provision for the SEND pupils within the City rather than educating them outside the City which on average is costing £45,000 more. The proposed project will enable us to provide autism resource base for 48 pupils in total for September 2019. The project has been tendered and contract has to be signed this week in order to commence the works.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option is to educate pupils outside the City which is hugely expensive and creates further pressure on City Council's already stretched resources.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 27 June 2019

Decision Maker:  
Service Director – Children and Families  
Services

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 clear days (as set out in the Constitution) from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council’s Scrutiny “Call-In” provisions.

Call-In Period

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*