

DECISION-MAKER:		SERVICE DIRECTOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION			
SUBJECT:		BITTERNE PARK AUTISM RESOURCE BASE (COMPLETION & EXPANSION TO 48 PLACES)			
DATE OF DECISION:		27 JUNE 2019			
REPORT OF:		EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME MANAGER			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY		
None		
BRIEF SUMMARY		
<p>The Council's Capital Board on 25 June 2019 recommended approval of £495,000 to deliver 48 places and to seek urgent decision from Chair of OSMC under Regulation 16 to approve the project to progress with officer delegated to sign the contract for £532,002.49.</p> <p>The chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee has approved the urgent request under regulation 16 on 26 June 2019 for officer delegated decision to sign the contract to progress with the works.</p>		
RECOMMENDATIONS:		
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 REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS		
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.	

	<p>The proposed project will enable us to provide autism resource base for 48 pupils in total for September 2019.</p> <p>The project has been tendered and contract has to be signed this week in order to commence the works.</p>
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
3.	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.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
4.	Consultation has been carried out with Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Schools and Lifelong Learning and Cabinet Member for Place and Transport in March 2019.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
5.	<p>Recommendation has been sought from the Council's Capital Board. The funding is provided from the DfE Special Provision Allocation Fund of £2,080,283. The funding provided is ring fenced for Special Provision.</p> <p>Failing to deliver this project will result in additional costs of circa £45,000/child.</p>
<u>Property/Other</u>	
6.	The project is to undertake heavy refurbishment of an existing building to use as Autism Resource Base.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	Legal has been consulted and following their advice, the project was recommended at Council's Capital Board on 25 th June 2019 and Urgent approval was sought from the chair of OSMC under regulation 16 on 26 June 2019 for internal delegated powers to Service Director Children, Families and Education to spend the money and sign contract.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	N/A
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
9.	The project has been tendered and the contract has to be signed this week to commence works. Any delays may risk contractor withdrawing and we may need to go back to retender which means we will not have the required places for ARB besides programme and budget implications.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	None.

KEY DECISION?	Yes/No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	Bitterne Park
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	

Appendices		
1.	Council's Capital Board submission	
2.	Approval from Councillor Galton	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.		
2.		
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.		No
Data Protection Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.		No
Other Background Documents		
Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.		
2.		