

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

This form should be used to record Officer Decisions in Excess of £100k (but below the key decision threshold), or where required by Financial, Contract or other Procedure Rules or following formal delegation from Cabinet or a Cabinet Member or a Council Committee.

Decision Reference No: e.g. Directorate/Ref No/Year - 1920018

BOX 1**DIRECTORATE:****DATE: 20 May 2019****Contact Name: Steve Lawson-Chamberlain Tel. No.: 01302 735238**

Subject Matter: Relocation of Levett Upper School to the East Dene Centre and the Lansdowne Centre, Lansdowne Road, Intake, Doncaster. Plus the establishment of SEMH specialist places within this provision under the Levett School designation.

This request is to draw down an additional £40,000.00 to the original ODR 1920018 which was approved for £600,000, making a total draw down request of £640,000 from Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council's Capital fund to allow work to begin on the development of specialist provision. This increase in cost is due to unforeseen expenditure and additional service cost requirements.

The works include:

- New internal stud walling where new rooms are to be formed
- Existing walling finishes upgraded to provide robustness
- New internal door & frames throughout (including fire doors to provide robustness)
- All new sanitary fittings
- New floor finishes throughout
- New decoration throughout (walls & ceilings)
- New boiler equipment (existing boiler is "end of life")
- New lighting throughout
- Power & data installation upgraded to provide for new use
- Provision of fobbed access system to appropriate doors
- New radiators throughout (LST in pupil areas)
- New perimeter fencing
- Extending existing hard play area
- New raised planters for outdoor horticultural area

BOX 2**DECISION TAKEN**

To obtain the lease for both the East Dene Centre and the Lansdowne Centre, Lansdowne Road, Intake, Doncaster, to establish specialist SEMH places within this setting and to close the existing Levett Upper facility. This has now been agreed by Strategic Assets Board.

BOX 3**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

This building will replace the existing unsustainable Levett Upper building, costs of which can be offset against this new provision. To sustain the existing Levett Upper building would require significant financial investment and would provide very little value to the learning provision landscape.

This development will also provide permanent Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) places for vulnerable Doncaster children who currently have no appropriate provision locally to be placed in. The Doncaster Children & Young People's Plan details the intent for Doncaster children to be educated within their home communities. This will be a first for Doncaster and we look to develop a provision that enhances the life opportunities for children with identified long term Social, Emotional or Mental Health Needs.

This will provide the opportunity to create a vocational curriculum to students with identified SEMH needs.

It will ultimately lead to the opportunity for saving money on out of authority placements and as such is a valuable investment for Doncaster.

DMBC have committed up to £640,000.00 to the project which will be offset by the rationalisation of Levett Upper School.

Works are planned to start in Autumn 2019 with a planned opening date of January 2020..

BOX 4**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

1. *To commission an external provider to establish the development.*

This would mean that the provision would not fall under the local authority Levett banner and as such would give less opportunity for development to the authority.

BOX 5**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

S1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with the so-called “general power of competence” under which it may take this action.

S111 of the Local Government Act 1972 also provides that a local authority shall have power to do any thing (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.

Name: Scott Fawcus

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 29/8/19

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

BOX 6**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:****Capital**

This decision is expected to cost £640,000 for obtaining the leases for East Dene and Lansdown centres, Intake, Doncaster and to undertake works to develop SEMH provision here and to close the existing Levett Upper facility.

The 2019-20 LOCYP capital programme includes an allocation of £1,082,558 for this type of project, this is funded by:

Basic Need Grant £800,000

Capital Maintenance Grant £50,000

SEND Grant £232,558

Any Change to these costs would reduce the money available for other related projects.

Revenue

There are no revenue costs associated with this decision. If there are any additional revenue costs then the Levett school will have to meet these from existing budgets.

Name: David Armistead

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 29/08/19

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

BOX 7**OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

Name:

Signature: By Email

Date:

Signature of Assistant Director (or representative)

ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.

BOX 8

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author).

This provision which will include an SEMH specialism will allow for 50-60 children and young people with additional needs aged 5-19, whose needs are assessed and cannot be met within a mainstream environment, to receive suitable vocational and academic education within the local area. This will increase and strengthen our Local Offer and support our obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

The Council's duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when exercising its functions to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who have a protected characteristic and those who do not share that protected characteristic, ensure fair access to learning and opportunities for all Doncaster children and young people.

Name: Neil McAllister **Signature:** [REDACTED] **Date:** 20/05/19

BOX 9

RISK IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author)

Reputational Risk: There is a risk to the council that not achieving the outcomes of the new special school or not pursuing this opportunity and withdrawing from the process would result in a lack of appropriate provision within the Borough. Children and young people would remain within less appropriate provision increasing the risk of social isolation and loneliness and not enabling them to reach their full potential.

Financial Risk: There would be a risk of increasing pressure on the High Needs Block due to higher cost of out of authority placements and transport costs. There is an additional financial risk of the financial envelope not meeting the required costs to build the school.

Name: Neil McAllister **Signature:** [REDACTED] **Date:** 20/05/19

BOX 10

CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with ward members and the portfolio holder who are supportive of the development.

Early consultation took place with Assets and this has now been agreed by Strategic Assets Board.

Name: Neil McAllister **Signature:** [REDACTED] **Date:** 20/05/19

BOX 11

INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION

It is in the public's interest to be aware of this decision record under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, therefore this decision will be published in full redacting signature only.

Name: Neil McAllister **Signature:** [REDACTED] **Date:** 20/05/19

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR YES

Communication and Interaction School Report to Cabinet 22/05/18

**BOX 13
AUTHORISATION**

Name: Riana Nelson **Signature:** [REDACTED] **Date:** 30/08/2019

Director of Learning, Opportunities and Skills.

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer

NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of _____

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Designation _____

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest NO

If YES please give details below:

PLEASE NOTE THIS FORM WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE IN FULL UNLESS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

Once completed a PDF copy of this form and any relevant background papers should be forwarded to Governance Services at Democratic.Services@doncaster.gov.uk who will arrange publication.

It is the responsibility of the decision taker to clearly identify any information that is confidential or exempt and should be redacted before publication.