

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	24 January 2013
Title:	All Saints Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School, Fleet
Reference:	4548
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities & Business Services Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to a proposed change to the procurement and delivery of the All Saints Church of England Voluntary Aided (VA) Junior School, as a result of the Governing body of the school proposing to deliver the scheme itself.
- 1.2. As a voluntary aided school the Governors have full responsibility and ownership of the buildings (not the County Council) and have the legal powers to choose to deliver the project as employers under a building contract.
- 1.3. Approval is sought to grant the sum of £2,200,000 to the school to enable this to occur.

2. Background

- 2.1. A report went to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources (EMPR) on 25 October 2012 seeking approval to the project proposals for the permanent expansion of both Tavistock Community Infant and All Saints C of E (VA) Junior Schools in Fleet, at an estimated total cost of £4,500,000.
- 2.2. It was noted that the projects would be required to provide additional pupil places at both the infant and junior schools arising in response to increased student numbers in the Fleet area. The project approved would permanently expand Tavistock Infant School from a 2FE to a 3FE and to permanently expand the existing All Saints C of E Junior School from a 3FE to a 4FE.

- 2.3. Following consultation with the Governing Bodies of both schools, it was intended to procure the projects jointly, as the schools occupy the same site and this would minimise disruption to the schools by construction access and building works, and maximise efficiencies in the design and delivery of both projects.
- 2.4. Funding for the both projects was approved at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day meeting on 23 March 2012.
- 2.5. The pressure of places at primary schools in Fleet is such that these places are essential to meet immediate demand. The planned new provision provides the new school places closest to the area of need. The County Council has the statutory obligation to ensure there are sufficient places and must make funding available to deliver them.

3. Current Position and Proposed Changes

- 3.1. The Governing Body of the school made the decision at its meeting of 19 November 2012, that it proposes to procure and manage the project at All Saints C of E (VA) Junior School, independently of the scheme at Tavistock Community Infant School.
- 3.2. As a result, it now proposed that the additional school places will be now be taken forward through two separate projects.
- 3.3. The additional places at Tavistock Community Infant School will continue to be procured through the South East and London construction framework by the County Council.
- 3.4. The All Saints C of E (VA) Junior School project will be procured separately by the Governing body, subject to award of grant by the County Council. This grant allocation which will include a stage payment mechanism and claw-back provisions, should the full amount of the funding not be required. This will ensure financial controls are put in place to protect the County Council's position.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. By running the schemes independently of one another, there are potential financial implications to both schemes. This is due to duplication of main contractors costs, arranging separate access for the works and temporary relocation of the Playcourt at Tavistock Community Infant School, so that the projects can be run independently of one another.
- 4.2. The impact of the decision on both projects is that planned efficiency savings against the original financial allocation would be lost through the separation.
- 4.3. The combined financial allocation within the Children's Services Capital Programme of £4,500,000, was made up of £2,300,000 for the All Saints C of E (VA) Junior School, £1,800,000 for Tavistock Community Infant School and an allowance of £400,000 for temporary classrooms.
- 4.4. The County Council has already developed the design of the All Saints project. The Estimated cost of this work is £100,000. As part of the

arrangement with the school, the design will be passed on to them to deliver using their own contractor and professional team. An adjustment to the Grant allocation will be made for these costs.

- 4.5. Subject to the approval of the proposed change to the procurement and delivery of the All Saints C of E (VA) Junior School, the allocations within the Children's Services Capital programmes will need to be adjusted and shown separately to reflect the revised procurement and delivery of the project. This will be the subject of a decision by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.
- 4.6. As the All Saints School is a Voluntary Aided School, and the premises do not belong to the County Council, the school will be liable to pay VAT. The Governing Body of the school and the Diocese acknowledge that liability for the payment of VAT will fall to the school.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. That the proposed change to the procurement and delivery of the Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School, as set out above is approved.
- 5.2. That a grant to the sum of £2,200,000 for the school is approved.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tavistock Community Infant and All Saints C of E (VA) Junior Schools, Fleet	3780	02.10.12
Tavistock Community Infant and All Saints C of E (VA) Junior Schools, Fleet	3781	25.10.12
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. An equalities impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified. Access requirements are always considered during the design stages of building projects.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime and disorder in the County. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. This report gives an update on progress and the specific impacts on climate change were set out in the original report to the Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel on 2 October 2012.