

**TO: THE EXECUTIVE
26 JANUARY 2016**

**GREAT HOLLANDS EXPANSION
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Director Children, Young People & Learning**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to approve the award the contract for the construction works for the expansion of Great Hollands Primary School under the Education Capital Programme previously approved by the Executive.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Executive approves the award of contract for the construction works for the expansion of Great Hollands Primary School to Tenderer F subject to the final lump sum not exceeding the amount set out in paragraph 19 of the attached Restricted Appendix.**

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The value of this contract requires Executive approval under the Council's Contract Standing Orders.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Great Hollands was one of eleven South Bracknell primary schools considered for expansion by the Education Capital Programme Board in 2014 and it was selected because of the schools with sufficient site area, it had a "Good" rating at Ofsted and the estimated cost was affordable.
- 4.2 A feasibility study was then undertaken of Great Hollands to identify different options for the expansion of the school buildings which has been subject to consultation and agreement with the Headteacher and Governing Body.
- 4.3 Doing nothing is not an option because the Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient pupil places.

5. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 5.1 This project is for the expansion of Great Hollands Primary school by 1 Form of Entry (FE), from 2FE to 3FE, or expansion by 210 places from 420 to 630 places. The Published Admission Number (PAN) will increase from 60 to 90, and the school nursery for 52 places will be retained and relocated within the site as part of the works.

Unrestricted

- 5.2 This project forms part of the Education Capital Programme previously approved by the Executive in February 2015, and is also set out in the school Capacity Strategy approved by the Executive in December 2014.
- 5.3 The project was raised in response to the School Places Plan 2014-19, which forecast a shortfall of primary school places in South Bracknell, and this will enable the Council to meet its statutory duty to provide sufficient pupil places across this organisational area.
- 5.4 The scheme as designed will provide all of the additional classrooms, teaching and associated spaces required through four phases of construction including new build extension and internal refurbishment.
- 5.5 Phase 1 was completed in August 2015 to enable the expansion to commence from September 2015 and falls outside the scope of this report. The award of contract in this report is in respect of all of the remaining works in Phases 2-4 required to complete the expansion in all year groups.

Timescales

- 5.7 The programme for the works is for a start on site in February 2016, with handover and commissioning of the last phase of work in April 2018. The works will be completed on a phased basis, with three distinct sections of work.

Costs and Funding

- 5.8 This contract will be let subject to Executive approval in February 2016 of the balance of the funding required as part of the 2016/17 Education Capital Programme from DfE Basic Need Grant.

6. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 No significant legal issues arise from the matters discussed in this report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Subject to approval of the 2016-17 capital programme, the Borough Treasurer is satisfied that sufficient resources exist within confirmed Basic Needs Grant allocations to fund the proposed contract ward.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 All new construction will be designed in accordance with Building regulation Part M (Access to and Use of Buildings).

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Are set out in the attached Restricted APPENDIX A

7. CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 The Headteacher, Governing Body, staff, pupils, parents and neighbours of Great Hollands Primary School.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 The Headteacher and Governors have been consulted throughout the design process via meetings and workshops held at the school.
- 7.3 A pre-planning consultation was undertaken with staff, pupils, parents and neighbours using leaflets which were distributed at school and hand delivered to neighbouring houses. As part of this an open afternoon/evening was also held at the school in July 2015 where plans and drawings were on display and Council officers, the Headteacher, Atkins Project Manager and designers were available to answer questions.

Representations Received

- 7.4 Feedback from the school was incorporated into the designs as these developed leading up to sign off by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors in October 2015.
- 7.5 A total of 95% of those who responded to the consultation also supported the proposal to expand the school, and the specific feedback and comments received from the consultees were fed back as part of the planning application.

Background Information

- 7.6 Restricted APPENDIX A
- 7.7 The Atkins Tender Report – Great Hollands Primary School 3FE Expansion Project, Bracknell Forest Council, November 2015

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