

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting14th September 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

An Investment Strategy for Schools, SEN and Early Years

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Investment Strategy for Schools, SEN and Early Years.

A report was presented to Cabinet in October 2016 which outlined a proposed strategy for investing in Schools, Early Years and SEN. This was following notification that the Council would be allocated £31m in 2018/19 and the strategy particularly gave consideration to capacity requirements. The Council had subsequently been notified of a further funding allocation of £6m which would be received in 2019/20.

The report developed the strategy and recommended proposals for a range of schools and establishments and included investments in a number of academies and diocesan schools.

The overall proposed allocations were summarised as follows:

Northfield School - £5.7m
All Saints - £3m
Our Lady and St Bedes - £5m
Egglescliffe - £8m
Conyers - £1m
Early Years - £2m
SEN - £2m
Skills Academy - £1.2m
Ian Ramsey / Outwood Bishopsgarth - £2.5m
Potential Primary Development / PRU - £6.6m
Total - £37m

Letters thanking the Council for its time, investment, continued commitment and support had been received from local schools. Representatives from some of the schools were in attendance at the meeting and expressed their gratitude for the Council's proactive and inclusive approach to education within the Borough.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The allocation of £37m of school capital funding be approved to support:

- a. Expansion and development of Northfield School, Our Lady and St Bedes Academy, Ian Ramsey, Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth, All Saints Academy and Egglecliffe School.
- b. Early years provision
- c. SEN developments
- d. The potential to build on the good judgement of the Bishopston PRU
- e. The potential for improvement and expansions as part of regeneration schemes.

2. The final allocation of £600k early years provision and £2.6m SEN Provision be delegated to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with Leader of the Council and the Director of Finance and Business Services.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To continue to ensure that all children and young people in Stockton continue to benefit from education in high quality environments.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Gillian Corr declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 – An Investment Strategy for Schools, SEN and Early Years as she was a Councillor that represented that area.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 22 September 2017

Proper Officer
18 September 2017