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## Design & Cost Report for Garforth Academy s106 works

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Report of: Head of Programmes & Projects

Report to: Head of Service for Learning Systems

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

### What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The purpose of this report is to seek authority to spend and incur expenditure of £123,429 from capital scheme number 33177/BGE/GAR to deliver the works required to allow Garforth Academy to take an extra 25 places in Year 7 from September 2021.
- The cost is inclusive of construction works and fees.
- The proposed scheme will be delivered under the City Council's Learning Places Programme and is required to fulfil the Local Authority's statutory responsibility to provide sufficient school places. In providing places close to where the children live the proposals will improve accessibility of local and desirable school places, and thus reduce any risks of non-attendance.
- The proposed scheme contributes to the 2020/2021 Best Council Plan outcomes for everyone in Leeds to 'Do well at all levels of learning and have the skills they need for life'; 'Be safe and feel safe' and 'Enjoy happy, healthy, active lives'. It also supports the vision in the supporting Children and Young People's Plan 2018-23, 'Leeds to be the best city in the UK and the best city for children and young people to grow up in. We want Leeds to be a child friendly city'. The Learning Places Programme seeks to deliver a supply of good quality accessible local school places which can contribute to these outcomes

### Recommendations

- Approve the injection of £123,429 of s106 contribution into the capital programme
- Approve authority to spend and incur expenditure of £123,429 from capital scheme number 33177/BGE/GAR to deliver the works required to allow Garforth Academy to take an additional 25 places in Year 7 from September 2021.
- Note that Children's & Families Good Learning Places Board approved the use of s106 reference 11/02814 to fund the cost of capital works at Garforth Academy
- Note that the officer responsible for implementation is the Head of Service Learning Systems in Children's and Families Directorate.

## **Why is the proposal being put forward?**

- 1 Planning permission was granted on an application to build 68 new homes on land opposite Highcroft and Hillside, Selby Road, Garforth (Gladedale) site in 2013. Construction of these dwellings is complete and has generated approximately 7 secondary aged pupils per year group.
- 2 To manage an increase in demand for secondary school places within the vicinity of this housing development, Garforth Academy have agreed to provide 25 additional bulge places in year 7 in September 2021.
- 3 Development on the land opposite Highcroft & Hillside, Selby Road, Garforth (Gladedale) site generated an S106 contribution of £123,429.20 index linked (11/03814). The S106 agreement states that contributions are to be used to be used "towards the capital costs of provision of and /or improvements to facilities at Garforth Academy the need for which directly arises from the Development.
- 4 There are currently 25 secondary school aged children living on the housing development (January 2020 census) and all 25 attend Garforth Academy adding to the pressure on places in this area.
- 5 It is recommended that the Highcroft and Hillside S106 Education contribution of £123,429.20 be allocated towards meeting the capital costs of improvements identified by the Academy as required to enable them to admit the bulge cohort for September 2021.
- 6 Garforth Academy will be self-delivering the works and the school will be reimbursed up to a total on £123,429 on receipt of paid invoices.

## **What impact will this proposal have?**

### **Wards Affected: Garforth**

Have ward members been consulted?  Yes  No

- 7 This proposal will enable 25 additional Year 7 children to obtain a place at their preferred secondary school and ensure Leeds City Council meets its statutory duty in providing every child with a school place. It will also help ensure that more local families can secure a school place in their area.
- 8 The works consist of the following:
  - Refurbishment of humanities toilets
  - Creation of an additional teaching space through the internal remodelling and refurbishment of existing floor area
  - Additional dining furniture and supporting works
  - Refurbishment of the PE changing rooms

## **What consultation and engagement has taken place?**

- 9 Consultation has taken place with the Head Teacher and Governing Body. Good Learning Places Board have also been consulted as part of the funding approval process.

### **What are the resource implications?**

- 10 The total cost of the s106 contribution is £123,429 and should this figure increase the school will be responsible for funding the shortfall.
- 11 The cost of £123,429 will be funded from capital scheme number 33177/BGE/GAR as part of the Learning Places Programme.

### **What are the legal implications?**

- 12 There are no legal implications associated with this project.

### **What are the key risks and how are they being managed?**

- 13 Completion of the work detailed in this report is essential to provide the required modifications associated with the 25 additional places from September 2021.

### **Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?**

Inclusive Growth       Health and Wellbeing       Climate Emergency

- 14 The 25 additional places at Garforth Academy offer good quality places to address increasing demand and will contribute towards the achievement of the Child Friendly City aim of 'improving educational attainment and closing achievement gaps for children and young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes'. In turn, by helping young people into adulthood, to develop life skills, these proposals provide underlying support for the council's Inclusive Growth Strategy aim of growth and investment, helping everyone benefit from the economy to their full potential
- 15 Providing a high standard of teaching and ancillary spaces (such as toilets and dining) meets the Council's Health and Wellbeing plan by ensuring children feel safe and secure within their day-to-day learning environment and are supported by a family of teachers and staff members.

### **Options, timescales and measuring success**

#### **a) What other options were considered?**

- 16 Garforth Academy is in the area of need and therefore no other options are viable.

#### **b) How will success be measured?**

- 17 Through the successful delivery of the works to enable the school to take 25 additional places.

#### **c) What is the timetable for implementation?**

- 18 A decision is required at the earliest opportunity.

### **Appendices**

19 Appendix A – EDCI screening assessment

**Background papers**

20 None