

Allocation of Section (S) 106 contributions towards a temporary school expansion scheme at Brigshaw High School

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Report of: The Sufficiency and Participation Manager

Report to: Chief Officer – Resources & Strategy

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure a sufficiency of school places within Leeds, which supports the achievement of the Best City Ambitions of 'ensuring children in all areas of the city have the best start in life' and 'ensuring young people and those changing career in later life have the skills and job opportunities which enable them to realise their potential and thrive'.

Following demographic analysis, Brigshaw High School was identified by the Sufficiency & Participation Team as the preferred location to meet the additional demand for secondary age school places in the Kippax & Methley area. As the school is self-delivering the project, a scope of works was agreed between Leeds City Council's Projects and Programmes Team and the Trust to provide the necessary accommodation to allow placement of a 30 place temporary 'bulge' expansion at the school, with effect from September 2022.

A Design and Cost report was produced and signed off in July 2022 which along with expenditure being requested to be authorised from the Capital Programme, also requested approval to 'Authorise the injection of Section 106 funding contributions in the sum of £404,000 into the Capital Programme' noting that 'subject to approval' the project would part-funded from Section 106 contributions arising from the development at Station Road, Methley.

At July's Good Learning Places Board, support was given for the Station Road S106 contributions to be allocated towards this bulge scheme. This report seeks formal approval to allocate £404,170.15 of Section 106 contributions paid by the developers of Station Road, Methley towards the costs of the temporary (bulge) expansion project at Brigshaw High School.

Recommendations

- a) That the Chief Officer, Resources & Strategy grants approval to allocate £404,170.15 of S106 contributions paid by the developers of Station Road, Methley towards the costs of the temporary (bulge) expansion project at Brigshaw High School relating to capital scheme number 33178/BGE/BRI.
- b) Note that the recent Design and Cost report in relation to the aforementioned capital scheme requested approval to authorise the injection of S106 funding contributions in the sum of

£404,000 into the Capital Programme and that this report is specifically requesting use of the Station Road, Methley S106 contributions to be used for this purpose.

- c) Note that at its July meeting, the Good Learning Places Board supported the use of the Station Road S106 contributions towards this capital scheme.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report seeks approval to allocate £404,170.15 of Section 106 contributions paid by the developers of Station Road, Methley towards the costs of the temporary (bulge) expansion project at Brigshaw High School.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 The decision will ensure that the LA is able to part fund the temporary 'bulge' expansion of Brigshaw High School, making improvements to secondary education facilities within the vicinity of the development in accordance with the terms of the Section 106 agreement. It also means that instead of financing the full costs of the scheme through Basic Need grant funding, which are estimated to be £464,356.10, the majority of the costs will be met via the S106 contributions.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 3 The temporary expansion of places at Brigshaw High School supports the achievement of the Best City Ambitions of 'ensuring children in all areas of the city have the best start in life' and 'ensuring young people and those changing career in later life have the skills and job opportunities which enable them to realise their potential and thrive'.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 4 Ward members are aware that officers were exploring potential use of the S106 contributions arising from the Station Road development, Methley towards the temporary expansion of Brigshaw High School.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 The estimated scheme costs are £464,356.10. The allocation of £404,170.15 towards the costs of the scheme will help ensure good value for money and is an appropriate use of the contributions in accordance with the terms of the S106 agreement.

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

- 6 The risk of not approving the allocation £404,170.15 of S106 contributions paid by the developers of Station Road, Methley towards the costs of the temporary (bulge) expansion project at Brigshaw High School is that the scheme would need to be fully financed by Basic Need grant funding allocations, resulting in reduced value for money.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 This is a Significant Operational Decision (SOD) which is not subject to call in and there are no grounds for keeping the contents of this report confidential under the Access to Information Rules.
- 8 There are no other legal implications.

Options, timescales and measuring success

9 The S106 funds should be allocated without delay to support the scheme's delivery in time for accommodation to be available for September 2022.

What other options were considered?

10 The temporary expansion scheme at Brigshaw to support a bulge cohort of 30 additional children in Y7 with effect from September 2022 could have been fully funded via Basic Need grant funding allocations, however as noted above, this would not have been the best value for money option.

How will success be measured?

11 N/A.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

12 N/A.

Appendices

13 None.

Background papers

14 None.