

Single Member Cabinet Decision**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3052****Longvernal Primary School Remodelling of Existing
Accommodation Phase 2**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
The Issue	In order to accommodate increasing pupil numbers due to population growth generated by new housing development Longvernal Primary School accepted a one off bulge Reception class of 30 places for September 2017. A further phase of remodelling work is required to enable the bulge class and increased pupil numbers to continue to be accommodated at the school for the next seven years.
Decision Date	On or after 17 th March 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Members agree: 1. To give full approval to a project budget of £672,000 to be included in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Schools Capital Programme to expand and enhance school place provision at Longvernal Primary School. The total budget to be from S106 (S106) Developer Contributions already received by the Council.
Rationale for decision	1. The Council retains the responsibility for pupil place planning in its area and in order to do this effectively must find solutions for the delivery of additional school places where required. 2. The Council undertakes to ensure school buildings are fit for purpose and provide safe and secure environments. 3. S106 contributions received are to be spent expanding or enhancing primary school provision in the area. 4. The additional primary school places needed are required due to pupils generated by new housing development. The project will be fully funded by S106. 5. The Primary and Secondary School Organisation Plan 2015-19 (SOP) indicates the Council's Educational Strategies and Criteria for provision of school places as a result of new housing development or underlying population growth. 6. To facilitate sustainable methods of transport to school and keep home to school transport costs to a minimum and to aid parental preference, as stated in the SOP.
Financial and budget implications	1. There are no revenue implications, revenue funding for pupil places will be provided by the Department for Education (DfE) through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) on a per pupil basis. 2. Provisional approval of £300,000 to provide primary school bulge class accommodation in the Midsomer Norton Area was given in the Council's 2017-18 Budget Report. 3. The budget required of £672,000 will improve facilities and provide the classroom enhancement required to enable the school to take the bulge, and once it has moved through, they would have six classrooms

	<p>and be able to increase their PAN permanently from 20 to 25, giving them a Capacity of 175.</p> <p>4. The project is to be fully funded by S106 contributions received by the Council.</p> <p>5. The project budget identified is in line with current cost estimates and contains project contingency.</p>
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations.
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer.
How consultation was carried out	Project Initiation Document approved by Divisional Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer. Strategic Director for People & Communities, School Organisation Manager, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer have had an opportunity to review and comment on the proposals.
Other options considered	None. There was an absolute requirement for additional school places in the Midsomer Norton Area due to the planned new primary free school not being delivered by the Education Funding Agency for September 2017.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	<i>The nature of interest and whether interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an-other interest, including any conflict of interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests). Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of their staff before taking the decision.</i>
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	