

## West Sussex County Council

### Proposed Executive Decision for **9 September 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 20 September 2022**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Phase 2 Special Support Centre Programme - Maidenbower Infants School, Crawley - Allocation of Funding for Project Delivery - LS07 (22/23)
<b>Cabinet Member responsible for decision</b>	Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Councillor Nigel Jupp)
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	Maidenbower & Worth
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>The County Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for all children who need a place.</p> <p>Increasing provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) through the creation of additional places in Special Support Centres (SSCs) will assist with the aim of enabling children to attend school locally. As a consequence this will reduce the number of children and young people with SEND moving from maintained schools and academies into costly education provision in the Independent and Non-Maintained Special School sector, often at schools not situated in West Sussex.</p> <p>It is proposed to create an SSC at Maidenbower Infant School in Crawley. The school is an Infant School and currently caters for 270 children aged between 4 and 7. Neighbouring Maidenbower Junior School provides a SSC for children aged between 7 and 11.</p> <p>Approval is required for the allocation of funding from the Capital Programme to provide the necessary accommodation at Maidenbower Infant School for the establishment of a Special Support Centre for 12 children aged 4 to 7 with Social Communication Needs. In addition the budget will fund all associated fees, ICT and furniture and equipment.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills has approved:</p> <p>(1) The allocation of £1.274m to fund the necessary accommodation and external play area as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report to enable the establishment of a 12 place Special Support Centre at Maidenbower Infant School in Crawley from September 2023;</p>

	<p>(2) The authorisation to commence a procurement process and delegation to the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) to appoint contractors to complete the design and cost the new accommodation;</p> <p>(3) The delegation of authority to the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) to submit the necessary planning application and building regulations approval and to obtain any statutory consents, and to enter into a construction contract with the successful tenderer.</p>
<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None
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<b>Background papers</b>	See report for details