

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **10 October 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 19 October 2022**

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

Decision Title & Ref No:	Award of Contract for creation of a Special Support Centre at Felpham Community College, Bognor Regis - OKD33 (22/23)
Officer responsible for decision	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
Electoral Divisions	Felpham
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The Special Education Needs Team within Education and Skills has identified a need to increase provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) through the creation of additional places in Specialist Support Centres (SSCs) to assist with the aim of enabling children to attend school locally.</p> <p>In line with this aim, in November 2021 the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the allocation of £1.224m to fund the provision of a 12 place Special Support Centre at Felpham Community for children aged 11 to 16 with social communication needs (decision LS10 (21/22) refers). Since that decision was taken, due to inflationary increases in the construction industry, the overall project budget forecast has increased, and the successful tender exceeds the original agreed budget. In accordance with the capital programme governance requirements, a change control request to increase the project budget has been approved for the additional sum of £284,000 to enable the project to proceed.</p> <p>The project will involve the installation of a modular building within the grounds of the College to accommodate the SSC. This will be located on the site of a redundant caretaker's cottage that has been vacant for a number of years, is in a poor state of repair so is to be demolished.</p>
Decision	<p>The Assistant Director (Property and Assets) has approved:-</p> <p>(1) The award of contract for the demolition of the caretakers cottage and construction of a SEND classroom modular block including breakout space and hygiene room at Felpham Community College for the sum of £1,411,023 to Cheesmur and Sons Limited</p>
Interest and nature of interest declared	None

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Background papers	See report for details