

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **18 October 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 27 October 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.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Increase to Funding Allocation for Remodelling of Orchard House Children's Home CYP02(22/23)
Cabinet Member responsible for decision	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Councillor Jacque Russell)
Electoral Divisions	Cuckfield & Lucastes
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>Orchard House children's home in Cuckfield is part of the County Council's Residential Service and caters for residential placements and short breaks for children with disabilities, with capacity for up to 16 children at one time.</p> <p>Remodelling and refurbishment works are required to resolve critical issues, modernise the home and improve the facilities for those children resident at the home and those who undertake short breaks there.</p> <p>Capital funding totalling £4.928m has so far been allocated to deliver this project, through Cabinet Member Key Decisions in March 2021 CYP04(20/21) and in December 2021 CYP04 (21/22). Since those decisions were taken, design development has taken place and inflationary pressures have led to construction cost rises, thus, the combination of these two factors means additional funding is now required to enable the project to continue.</p>
Decision	The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has approved the allocation of a further £648k of capital funding for the refurbishment and remodelling of Orchard House.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background papers	See report for details