

## West Sussex County Council

### Proposed Executive Decision for **8 February 2024** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 19 February 2024**

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.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Award of contract for construction of an All Weather Pitch at The Forest School, Horsham OKD46 (23/24)
<b>Officer responsible for decision</b>	Assistant Director (Property and Assets) (Andrew Edwards)
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	Horsham East
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>The County Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient primary and secondary school places for all children who need a place. As part of the secondary school curriculum, Physical Education is a core subject and suitable provision is required to ensure a wide range of sport can be offered. The Forest School in Horsham accommodates over 1000 pupils aged 11-16 and has a mix of indoor PE provision (sports hall, activity hall) and external provision (grass pitches and multi-use games area).</p> <p>In July 2020 the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills approved the siting of additional accommodation at the neighbouring Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee School on some of the existing playing field at The Forest School (Decision reference <a href="#">ES02(20/21)</a>). In order to mitigate the impact of the loss of the playing field an All Weather Pitch will be constructed at The Forest School. The All-Weather pitch will enable pupils to undertake outside sport activities all year round whilst also providing the school the ability to generate additional income through letting.</p> <p>As part of a separate key decision process the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills approved the allocation of capital funding from Section 106 contributions to undertake a project to provide an All Weather Pitch at The Forest School (<a href="#">Decision LS05(21/22)</a> refers). The Cabinet Member also delegated authority to the then Director of Property and Assets to award the contract for the project.</p> <p>The Assistant Director (Property and Assets) will be asked to approve the award of contract for the project at The Forest School.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	The Assistant Director (Property and Assets) has approved the award of the construction contract to deliver an all-weather pitch at The Forest School, Horsham to Velocity Sports Limited for the construction sum of £972,535.95.

<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None.
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<b>Background papers</b>	See report for details