

## West Sussex County Council

### Proposed Executive Decision for **27 September 2024** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 8 October 2024**

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>	Additional Funding Allocation for Remodelling of Orchard House Children's Home - CYPLS14 (24/25)
<b>Cabinet Member responsible for decision</b>	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills (Cllr Jacquie Russell)
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	Cuckfield & Lucastes
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<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 being carried out to modernise the existing home and improve the facilities for those children resident at the home and those who undertake short breaks there.</p> <p>Capital funding totalling £5.576m has so far been allocated to deliver this project, through Cabinet Member Key Decisions in March 2021 <a href="#">CYP04(20/21)</a>, in December 2021 <a href="#">CYP04 (21/22)</a> and in October 2022 <a href="#">CYP02 (22/23)</a>.</p> <p>The modernisation works are progressing but, due to unforeseen issues identified during the remodelling of the existing buildings, the budget for the project has increased and the allocation of additional funding is now required to enable the project to continue and conclude.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills has approved the allocation of £0.652m of additional capital funding to ensure the remodelling project at Orchard House Children's Home can be completed.
<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None declared.
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<b>Background papers</b>	See report for details