

## **Public Notice**

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given of a key decision which it was not possible to include in the Forward Plan for 28 days before the decision is taken. The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Assistant Director (Property and Assets) with the agreement of the Director of Law and Assurance and the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee (Standing Order 5.23 Part 4, Section 1 of the County Council's constitution).

### **Award of contract for re-tendered project - Installation of a modular teaching block at Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Special School, Horsham**

In July 2020 the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills approved the allocation of £1.4m to fund the provision of a three-class modular teaching block with ancillary accommodation to ensure the school can offer suitable facilities for the 105 pupils currently on roll (decision [ES02\(20/21\)](#) refers). Approval is now sought to award the contract for carrying out the works.

Following a compliant procurement process in 2021, it was not possible to award the contract to the successful bidder from that tender process due to materials and resources shortages caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The modular buildings need to be constructed and installed at the school ready for the new academic year starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. Due to the need for this decision to be determined as soon as possible the Assistant Director (Property and Assets), with agreement from the Director of Law & Assurance and the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 to take this decision without the required 28 days' notice in the Forward Plan.

The Assistant Director (Property and Assets) with the agreement of the Director of Law and Assurance and the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 to approve the award of contract for the installation of a three-classroom modular block at Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee School, Horsham for the sum of £1,358,950 to Portakabin Limited.

Urgent decisions are not subject to a call-in period and come into effect immediately.

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