

Mid Sussex CLC - 26 June 2018

Responses to Questions raised on Woodlands Meed

1) Is the Feasibility Study progressing to plan and what are the key risks identified to date?

ANSWER – The feasibility study looking at options is progressing as expected. A meeting is booked with the governors of Woodlands Meed to discuss the options and feasibility outcome. This is taking place at the beginning of July. A meeting booked for June had to be rescheduled as Woodlands Meed were being inspected by Ofsted at this time. A joint statement from Woodlands Meed governors and WSCC will be issued after the meeting has taken place to keep interested parties up to date with progress. We will know more after this meeting about any risks.

2) What is the actual date the Feasibility Study will be completed?

The study has been completed and we are now progressing to the next stage of engaging in discussion with governors about the outcome of the feasibility study.

3) How will the Feasibility Study be published to the general public and the actual date?

ANSWER – WSCC do not normally publish feasibility studies. The content can be commercially sensitive and feasibility studies do not have the certainty that would be achieved through a competitive tendering exercise for any capital works if published.

4) What is the actual criteria that will be used in the Feasibility Study to assess the 3 options and provide a recommended option?

ANSWER – Once the feasibility study has fully completed the details will be carefully reviewed considering timescales, costs, impact on site etc. A recommended option will be identified to progress to a full business case.

5) Will the Feasibility Study include a Cost Benefit Analysis?

ANSWER - Yes

6) Will the Feasibility Study include a full funding proposal and if not what date will this be available?

ANSWER – The feasibility study will indicate expected costs but will not provide sources of funding. This will be covered by a full business case document that will be considered through the County's internal governance structure for capital works.

7) Will there be any decision making and/or processes that will need to take place post publication of the Feasibility Study to select a final option. If yes, please provide full details including who will be involved?

ANSWER – All capital projects that WSCC undertake need to be reviewed and discussed by way of a full business case. This document will be considered through the County's internal governance structure for capital works before referral to Members for a final decision.

8) Once a final option is selected/agreed what are the next steps/stages that take place to allow this option to be fully delivered ?

ANSWER – As per the answer to Q7

9) Will WSCC commit to finding the equivalent of the proceeds from the sale of Court Meadow site and put this towards Woodlands Meed College funding, as part of the overall WSCC commitment

ANSWER – WSCC will consider all potential sources of funding as part of the full business case consideration. In line with WSCC policy, the disposal of capital assets cannot be ring-fenced for any specific purposes.

10) When will a full plan to complete the delivery of the selected/agreed option, with target dates, be available for the public to view

ANSWER – Once the feasibility study has been agreed, consideration can then be given to the resulting full business case analysis and potential timescales.