

16th September 2019**Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION, LEARNING AND
SKILLS****FEASIBILITY AT NETTLEWORTH INFANT SCHOOL AND LEAS PARK
JUNIOR SCHOOL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PLACES****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report advises Committee of a variation to the Section 106 agreement with Mansfield District Council relating to the Bellway Homes housing development on Debdale Lane, Mansfield. This report also provides assurance to Committee that a sufficiency of school places in the Mansfield Woodhouse primary planning area is maintained.

Information

2. A small development of 90 dwellings on Debdale Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, has resulted in developer education contributions by Bellway of £227,746. This funding should provide at least 19 additional primary school places.
3. The original Section 106 agreement signed in April 2013 identified the Robin Hood Primary School, now Bramble Academy, as the recipient of this developer funding. When this agreement was signed, the designated school was deemed by Ofsted to be Good. However, since then, this school was judged to require Special Measures in 2014 and was subsequently sponsored by Evolve Trust in 2015.
4. As this primary academy has not become a Good school as judged by Ofsted, it has not been possible to secure the agreement of the Regional Schools Commissioner to expand the school. As a result, the Council secured a deed of variation with Mansfield District Council in 2018 to allow the funding to be used in other Mansfield Woodhouse schools to create the additional primary places required.
5. This report advises Committee that feasibility now must be undertaken to ensure that sufficient primary school places are created in the Mansfield Woodhouse primary planning area.

Other Options Considered

6. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. The Council is statutorily required to ensure a sufficiency of statutory school places.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

9. Feasibility costs are likely to be in the region of £20,000 and will be funded from the S106 contribution. The Council will commission ARC Limited to undertake this work.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee considers whether it requires any further information or actions arising from this report.

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Constitutional Comments (KK 23/08/19)

10. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Children and Young People's Committee.

Financial Comments (SAS 30/08/19)

11. The capital programme will need to be varied to include the use of the Section 106 contribution to fund the feasibility costs of approximately £20,000 and this will be done as part of the Period 5 Financial Monitoring report. If the feasibility costs do not directly contribute to a capital project they are classed as abortive costs and will need to be funded from a revenue budget, not a capital resource. If this is the case these costs will be met from within the Corporate Property revenue budget.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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