

11th December 2023

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GREEN GROWTH, INVESTMENT AND ASSETS

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ACADEMY, RADCLIFFE ON TRENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to fund feasibility works through Grant Funding Agreement to investigate the options available to expand South Nottinghamshire Academy (SNA) on a permanent basis.

Information

2. Pupil data is showing that by September 2024, there will be a deficit of secondary spaces in the Rushcliffe East planning area. By 2029-30, there will be a need for an additional 400 pupil places in the planning area.
3. South Nottinghamshire Academy (SNA) has been identified as a site with potential for further expansion, possibly 1 – 2 FE (150 – 300 additional places). The academy has only recently been expanded and there is some doubt as to the options that remain available.
4. It is therefore proposed that Redhill Academy Trust will receive a sum of £35,000 (thirty five thousand pounds) via a Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) in order to complete a feasibility study looking at the capability of the site to take further expansion, which will be monitored by Arc partnership on the Council's behalf. Pending the results of the study further proposals with detailed design and associated costs will be presented for approval.

Other Options Considered

5. A significant shortage of secondary school places across the planning area has been identified over the next pupil planning period. The expansion of SNA will contribute significantly to addressing this issue, should a further expansion be considered possible.
6. Taking no action would result in there being insufficient secondary school places across the pupil planning area.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To ensure that the schools within the Rushcliffe East planning area can provide sufficient teaching space for secondary school pupils.

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. The Council is asked to provide £35,000 from Basic Need funding for initial feasibility work to provide the much-needed secondary school places in the pupil planning area.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) The Council enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the Redhill Academy Trust to fund feasibility works of up to £35,000 to investigate the options for expansion of South Notts Academy.

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Constitutional Comments (LPW 01/12/2023)

10. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management by virtue of their terms of reference.

Financial Comments (GB 03/01/2024)

11. It is proposed that the costs set out in this report are funded from the School Places capital programme which is already approved within the Education and SEND portfolio capital programme.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Rushcliffe: Radcliffe on Trent
- Councillor Roger Upton

Authorisation

Cabinet Member	Signed	Name Councillor Keith Girling	Date 4th January 2024
Corporate/Service Director	Signed	Name Derek Higton	Date 4th January 2024