



**15 July 2024**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF GREEN GROWTH, INVESTMENT AND ASSETS**

### **EXPANSION OF REDHILL ACADEMY, REDHILL ROAD, ARNOLD**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to fund Redhill Academy Trust (RAT) to expand Redhill Academy so that the school (Published Admission Number) PAN can be increased to from 240 to 270.
2. This is a Key Decision and was published on the Council's Forward plan on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

#### **Information**

3. Redhill Academy has been admitting pupils over-PAN in recent years. However the school is not able to continue to accommodate a PAN of 270 without further quality teaching space. Pupil data shows that there is currently an insufficiency of school places in the Arnold pupil place planning area, this shortfall rises to 80 places by 2025-26. There is therefore a need to provide additional teaching space at Redhill Academy.
4. Redhill Academy will be able to address the shortfall with the provision of 4 new art rooms with associated stores: a new classroom and two changing rooms with toilets for PE activities. The new space will also provide office/administration space. The Trust has already undertaken a feasibility study and has had detailed design drawings prepared. Arc Partnership has reviewed the proposals and confirmed that they are fit for purpose and meet the guidance set out in BB103. Planning permission has been obtained and the Trust is ready to start works upon confirmation of grant funding from the Council.
5. RAT will be delivering this project using their own team of specialists. The total cost of works is £2,486,570. Arc will be monitoring the costs, quality, and programme on behalf of the Council at a cost of £10,000; therefore, a total of £2,496,870 needs to be approved.

#### **Other Options Considered**

6. Do nothing: - this would mean that there would be an insufficiency of pupil places in this area over the next five years, as there is ongoing residential development in the Redhill area.

7. None of the local housing developments have provided land for school places, however RAT is confident that its site can accommodate the required additional pupil numbers. This option is therefore considered to be the most appropriate.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

8. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there is a sufficiency of school places, so action needs to be taken to ensure that accommodation is in place to meet the needs of primary pupils over the next five years.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. 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**

10. The total scheme cost of £2,496,570 is to be funded from £2,196,000 of section 106 contributions and £300,570 from the Basic Need budget. Monitoring fees incurred will be covered by these amounts. To date £720,000 of section 106 contributions has been collected. In the meantime, this project will be forward funded using Basic Need.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the Council enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with The Redhill Academy Trust to fund expansion works at Redhill Academy in the sum of £2,496,570 (to include Arc's monitoring fees) to facilitate a PAN increase to 270.
- 2) To commission Arc partnership to monitor the project on behalf of the Council at a cost of £10,000.

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### **Constitutional Comments (LPW 22/03/2024)**

11. 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 15/03/2024)**

12. It is proposed that the £2.486m works set out in this report are funded from Section 106 contributions (£2.2m) and from the School Places Programme (£0.3m). These allocations are already approved within the Education and SEND portfolio capital programme.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- None.

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- Gedling – Arnold North
- Councillor Pauline Allen and Councillor Michael Payne