

## DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## CABINET

12 July 2016

## Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

**INVESTMENT APPROVAL TO CREATE A NEW FACILITY IN THE FORMER BENNERLEY SCHOOL BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THE SUPPORT CENTRE CURRENTLY LOCATED IN BREADSALL – (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)****1. Purpose of Report**

To seek Cabinet approval to award a contract to commence works on the creation of a new facility to accommodate the Erewash KS3 support centre along with community facilities in the former Bennerley School building.

**2. Information and Analysis**

In June 2015, Cabinet approved a proposal to transfer The Erewash Key Stage 3 Support Centre from Breadsall to Bennerley. The estimated funding at that time was as set out in the table below.

	Expenditure £		Income £	
Breadsall DSC site	Remodel & refurbish the PRU into new primary school.	1.75m	Sale of partial site for capital receipt.	2-2.5m
Bennerley Site (ex IOEA)	Remodel & refurbish one block for PRU + 2 other services.	2.5-3m	Sale of partial site for capital receipt	1.05m
	Total	4.25-4.75		3.05-3.55

This project relies on approval from the Secretary of State for Education to sell a part of the site of the former Bennerley School that is not required for the future use of the Support Centre and community facility. This approval was given by the Education Funding Agency on 22 January 2016.

A quotation to undertake the works at the Bennerley site has been received from the Director of Property Services. The cost of the Bennerley element of the project is as set out below.

- Operations quotation - £2,190,873
- Additional contingency for building clearance and builders' work in connection with IT/phone services - £10,000
- DCC fees (on above) - £236,594
- Demolition - £128,000
- DCC fees - £16,100
- Planning application/Building regulations- £6,885
- Surveys - £25,500
- Loose FFE - £25,000
- IT connectivity, switches, network and Broadband- £7,000

**Total costs - £2,645,952**

This is within the range initially envisaged for this project. The works include a complete refurbishment and remodelling to create a facility to accommodate the Erewash KS3 support centre, an administrative base for the Alternative Provision team currently located at the Breadsall facility with the support centre and a base for community activities.

It is, therefore, recommended to proceed with the refurbishment project at Bennerley, and that an order for the works be placed with the Director of Property.

### **3. Financial Considerations**

At its meeting on 27 January 2015 Cabinet agreed to make a capital allocation of £1.2 million to support these projects. The commitment of £2,645,952 in this report, less the capital allocation of £1,200,000, results in charge of £1,445,952 on the minimum estimate of capital receipts associated with this project of £3.05 million. This element of the project is, therefore, affordable. Funding for the Breadsall element of the project will be the subject of a further report to Cabinet.

### **4. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered – prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, health, legal and human rights, human resources, environmental, transport, and property considerations.

### **5. Key Decision**

Yes

**6. Call-in**

Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report? No.

**7. Background Papers**

A file is held in the Children's Services Development Team office which contains information on the responses to the consultation.

**8. Officer Recommendation**

That Cabinet approves the placing of an order for the refurbishment works at Bennerley at a total cost of £2,645,952.

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