

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET****11 March 2020****Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services****CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020-21 EXPANSION
PROJECT AT THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL (YOUNG PEOPLE)****1. Purpose of Report**

To approve the funding for projects to expand The Ecclesbourne School in response to housing growth in its normal area.

2. Information and Analysis

There is significant housing growth in the normal area of The Ecclesbourne School. The School has a masterplan to expand and improve its provision to meet the increased demand for places. It took the decision however to move forward with its building plans, ahead of the receipt of the Section 106 funding, on the basis that it would be repaid once those funds were received by the council. The most recent projects were an expansion of the sixth form block at a cost of £1,151,105 and the improvement to the science block costing £507,075 – making a total of £1,658,180.

On 20 July 2017 (minute number 212/17), Cabinet approved the allocation of £52,980 S106 funding towards the science block project and on 22 February 2018 (minute number 60/18) Cabinet also approved the allocation of £70,637.75 towards the sixth form block. The total already approved therefore is £123,617.75. The council has received £1,163,701.07 in Section 106 from the developers of the Kedleston Road site under planning reference AVA/2014/0928. A final S106 contribution of £477,636 plus indexation from this planning reference will be paid in June 2021 and will be the subject of a separate report. The proposal is to allocate the funds received to the projects at The Ecclesbourne School.

3. Financial Considerations

The financial considerations are as explained in section 2 of the report

The projects were procured and managed by the Trust and the payment of the funding will be the subject of a legal agreement between DCC and the Trust to ensure that the funds have been used in accordance with the Section 106 agreement.

4. Property Considerations

The Ecclesbourne School has academy status and, having been a foundation school, owns the school site. The County Council retains its responsibility for pupil places planning and securing Section 106 funding to achieve expansion at both maintained and academy schools.

5. Social Value Considerations

This funding is to ensure that there is sufficient capacity at the school involved by responding to the housing growth in the area.

6. Other Considerations

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

7. Key Decision Yes

8. Call-in

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in the report? No

9. Background Papers

These are held on file in the Children's Services Development Section.

10. Officer Recommendation

It is recommended that Cabinet approves the allocation of £1,163,701.07 in Section 106 funding to repay The Ecclesbourne School for the sixth form and science block projects.

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