

Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Children, Young Peoples and Families Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2015

13	BASIC NEED CAPITAL FUNDING – KEY DECISION
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The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and the Economy, which provided an update for the allocation and spending of Basic Need Capital Funding.

The Board was advised that the Basic Need allocation supported the capital requirement for providing new pupil places by expanding existing maintained schools, free schools or academies and by establishing new schools. Halton used pupil forecast data to determine the need to provide additional school places in order to meet demand. Basic Need capital funding had been used to carry out building works to provide additional school places at a number of primary schools listed in the report, to alleviate pressure for demand for school places in those areas. In addition, Basic Need funding had been used to provide vocational, 6th form and independent living facilities at Ashley School following the re-designation of the school.

It was reported that an extension for one additional classroom at Hale C.E. Primary School, would be funded by Basic Need capital funding, to alleviate the shortage of classroom space at the school by 2017. The balance of Basic Need capital funding would be retained to respond to any pupil place planning/demographic issues arising in either the primary or secondary sectors.

Reason(s) for Decision

The decision was required to deliver and implement the capital programme.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Implementation Date

July 2015 following agreement of full Council.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) The proposal to allocate Basic Need capital funding to Hale CE Primary School project be approved;
- 2) The position in respect of the balance of Basic Need capital funding be noted; and
- 3) Council be recommended to approve the Basic Need capital funding.

**CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR HALTON DOMESTIC ABUSE
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES – WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT
STANDING ORDERS**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and the Economy, which sought a waiver of Procurement Standing Orders to enable the continuation of contracted services for Halton Domestic Abuse Family Support Services.

The Board was advised that in November 2013, Halton Borough Council commissioned Core Assets Children's Services to deliver a new domestic abuse service for children, young people and families. It was reported that the service also supported Halton's Children's Social Care with the Cheshire and Merseyside Local Authority Pre-Proceedings Protocol.

The Board noted that there continued to be a high level of identified need for the service. The current provider was a well-established organisation with extensive knowledge and understanding of the needs of the Halton local community. To ensure continuous care, it was proposed that the current arrangements be allowed to continue to avoid disruption to service provision and allow sufficient time to increase capacity of provision within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) in the light of the exceptional circumstances set out in the report, Procurement Standing Order 1.8.3 (c) be used to waive Procurement Standing Orders 3.1 to 3.6 to extend the contract for the provision of Domestic Abuse Family Support Services, in order to ensure continuous care and support; and
- 2) the Strategic Director, Children and the Economy, be authorised, in conjunction with the Portfolio holder for Children, Young People and Families, to enter into the contract until 31 March 2016.