

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION – 17 April 2024

Decision by	Councillor Nagpal
Subject	John Chilton Phase 3B at Wood End Academy Award of Works Contract
Portfolio	A Fairer Start
Authority	Constitution part 3 Section 3

Decision: That, the Cabinet Member for A Fairer Start:

- i. Awarded a contract in the sum of £3,135,508.15 to Oakland Building Services Limited for the John Chilton School at Wood End Academy Phase 3B works, to be funded from the existing approved budget for Schools SEN Expansion Programme as set out in the Capital Programme.

Reason for decision
And Options
Considered:

Please see report
attached

- i. The decision was required to enable the council to continue to progress the process for expanding special school provision to meet its statutory duty to secure sufficient school places. The council has a statutory responsibility to promote high educational standards, ensure fair access to educational opportunity and promote the fulfilment of every child's educational potential. The council must also promote diversity and increase choice.
- ii. Cabinet, in September 2022, authorised the Assistant Director Planning, Resources and Service Development to invite and evaluate tenders for the building contracts to implement the long-term accommodation requirements for John Chilton School on the school's main site and at the Wood End Primary Academy (the Academy) satellite site, including associated works to Wood End Primary's retained accommodation. Cabinet, in February 2023, then approved the John Chilton School at Wood End Academy Phase 1A building works.
- iii. Under the council's Constitution, Cabinet approval was required to proceed with schemes over £5m per annum in value, Portfolio Holder approval was required in order to proceed with schemes between £0.500m and £5m per annum, and the schemes up to £0.500m per annum fall within Director delegated powers. The value of this contract therefore falls under an Individual Cabinet Member Decision (ICMD).
- iv. Extensive design and project planning work has been completed by the council's Projects Delivery Unit and school leadership to reach a design solution that meets the school's requirements and was feasible within the available budget.

- v. The relevant background reports, 'Special Education Needs Statutory and Capital Approvals - Mandeville statutory and capital proposals and John Chilton contract award', and 'John Chilton School Capital Approvals', can be accessed via the following links:

<https://ealing.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=137&MId=311&Ver=4>

<https://ealingintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=137&MId=242&Ver=4>

Date of Implementation
(if not called in): 25 April 2024

Report published	9 April 2024
Opposition consulted	9 April 2024
Decision recorded	17 April 2024
Decision published	18 April 2024
Call-in deadline	24 April 2024 at 5pm

Reason for urgency Not Applicable

Please see report
attached

Cabinet member's signature:  Date: 17 April 2024

Councillor Nagpal, Cabinet Member for A Fairer Start

Officer recording decision *merkesha grant*Date: 17 April 2024

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