

Notice of KEY Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Bids for School Nurseries Capital Fund
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Robert Benham, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Families
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Policy context:	The Childcare Act 2006 placed duties on all local authorities to secure sufficient childcare, so far as is reasonably practicable for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14.
Financial summary:	<p>Havering is submitting funding bids for 2 capital projects totalling approx. £1.7m. If the bids are successful the DfE will fund the full cost of the projects. Therefore, provided they remain within agreed budgets, there are no capital cost implications for the LA. However there is a risk that Havering would be required to meet any overspend should that occur.</p> <p>Revenue costs of running the nursery will be met from the Early years Block of the DSG.</p> <p>If the bid is unsuccessful, abortive</p>

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	fees already incurred (approx. £25,000) would be met from the LA's revenue budget.
Reason decision is Key	The grant funding being sought for each project is over £500,000.
Date notice given of intended decision:	11/10/2018
Relevant OSC:	Children & Learning
Is it an urgent decision?	No
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	No

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

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Places making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connections making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

To approve that the LA put in a bid to the DfE for funding to create new high -quality school - based nursery places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds at Drapers' Pyrgo Priory School and Dycorts Special School.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Part 3, Section 2.5 gives the relevant Cabinet Member authority to make this decision.
(q) To agree minor matters and urgent or routine policy matters

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The DfE has announced a capital bidding round of £30 million to create new high-quality school-based nursery places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds to deliver the government's commitment to build more school-based nurseries and to boost social mobility. In deciding whether to submit a project bid, the LA had to pay close attention to the pass/fail criteria outlined in Stage 1 of the assessment process.

There were only 8 schools in Havering as shown in the table below which meet Stage 1 assessment criteria.

School name	Jan 2018 FSM % (Free School Meals)	Does the schools already deliver EY	FTE places	Take up in Spring 2018 Census	Ofsted rating
Broadford Primary School	22.2%	Yes	30	47	Outstanding
Hilldene Primary School	20.0%	Yes	45	60	Good
Mead Primary School	22.1%	Yes	30	62	Good
Oasis Academy Pinewood	21.5%	Yes	15	32	Good
Drapers' Pyrgo Priory School	21.5%	Yes	30	36	Good
Rainham Village Primary School	20.4%	Yes	30	37	Good
Corbets Tey School	27.5%	No	0	0	Good
Dycorts School	47.1%	No	0	0	Good

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All the 8 schools were consulted on the 27th September and were requested to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) by the 5th October. Only 2 schools came forward to ask the LA to put in a bid for them namely Drapers' Pyrgo Priory School and Dycorts School. The Council has already built new nursery provision in three of the eligible schools namely Broadford, Mead and Rainham Village Primary Schools as part of their expansion projects.

Drapers' Pyrgo Priory School already has a 30 FTE place nursery offering only morning and afternoon sessions. The proposal is to expand the existing nursery to 60 FTE places offering early years entitlements places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and wraparound and holiday care.

The project at Dycorts will be a new nursery provision for 20 places for 2,3 and 4 year olds SEND pupils with Communication and Interaction needs (CI) and Social, Emotional Mental Health needs (SEMH).

Stage 2 will assess individual projects on the following criteria:

- Value for money (50%)
- Existing examples of, or proposals for, testing and evaluating approaches targeted at closing the disadvantage gap in the early years (25%)
- Deliverability and sustainability of the project and proposals (15%)
- Relative proportion of deprivation in the school as measured by the proportion of pupils eligible for FSM within the school (5%)
- Social mobility index (5%)

The LA must submit completed applications as part of our bid by **22 November 2018**. Local authorities are responsible for delivering the successful projects and monitoring in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of grant that will be set out by the Department for Education.

Successful projects will need to be completed by **March 2020**.

The reasons for submission of the bids are therefore:

- To create new high quality school-based nursery places targeted at closing the gap for disadvantaged children. This will ensure the most disadvantaged children have access to high-quality school-based nursery provision.

The two projects are in the most deprived area of the borough.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

To not make a bid and rely on the private sector to provide for any shortfall in provision or to fund any capital works necessary to expand nursery provision from the Council's own funds.

These were rejected because the Council has no funding and that bid is to create new high- quality school-based nursery provision. The Council has been unable to do this and has been using basic need to expand nursery provision in schools which we were expanding. We couldn't consider other schools.

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PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

All the 8 schools which were eligible for the bid were consulted and bids will be submitted for the 2 schools which expressed an interest for the LA to put in a bid for them.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Pooneeta Mahadeo

Designation: School Organisation Manager

Signature:

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Date: 07/11/2018

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

At this stage an application for grant funding carries low risks. At the point of an award the project plans and any funding issues will have to be given careful consideration.

If awards are made there will be some school governance implications, which should be addressed before commencing any works.

Under the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013/3110 LAs must follow a statutory process for lowering the age limit of a school by up to two years.

Academies rated as 'good' or 'outstanding' at their last Ofsted inspection can propose to change the age range of their school by up to two years (including adding nursery provision but excluding adding a sixth-form) by following the fast-track process. For Dycorts it's a new nursery provision, the Academy will need to put in a business case to the ESFA to lower their age range if the bid is successful.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Havering is submitting 2 capital funding bids to create new high -quality school - based nursery places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. The estimated bids are as follows:

Draper's Pyrgo Priory nursery = £880,000

Dycorts' Nursery = £827,340

Capital Implications

If the bids are successful the DfE will fund the cost of the projects. Therefore, provided the projects remain within agreed budgets, there are no capital cost implications for the LA. However there is a risk that Havering could be required to meet any overspend should that occur.

Local authorities are responsible for delivering the successful projects and monitoring in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of grant that will be set by the Department for Education, to mitigate against the risk of overspending.

"One Off" Revenue Implications

In order to be in a position to complete the project within the deadlines specified in the terms and conditions of the funding (12 months from approval of the bid), some preparatory work will be required prior to knowing the outcome of the bid.

If the bid is subsequently unsuccessful this will result in abortive costs in the region of £25,000, which will be met from the Capital Project Support revenue budget for

feasibility studies.

Ongoing Revenue Implications

Early Years provision is funding from the DSG Early Years funding block for all providers allocated according to a basic hourly rate for the number of hours of participation plus a supplement for deprivation based on the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index.

Drapers' Pyrgo Priory School is already funded on the above basis for the current number of pupils attending its nursery provision and this formula will be extended to the additional numbers should this application be successful.

For Dycorts School, the 20 places will be funded from the DSG High Needs funding block on the basis of £10,000 per place plus a top up based on the level of need of each child.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

The human resources implications will be managed by the school with Education HR support where appropriate. There is likely to be a need to recruit additional teaching and support staff and the school will undertake the recruitment and selection process in accordance with the existing and relevant policies and procedures.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are: age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

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If the bid is successful more high-quality school-based nursery places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds will be available in Goodshays ward which is one of the most deprived area of the borough.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Delete as applicable

Proposal NOT agreed because

Details of decision maker

Signed

Name:

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title:

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date:

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Democratic Services Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on 4/11/2018

Signed 

