



**CABINET**

**19 DECEMBER 2017**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLACE: IAN BOLL**

**CABINET MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES:  
COUNCILLOR MATTHEW GOLBY**

Subject:	Extension at West Haddon Endowed CE Primary School and new primary school provision at Monksmoor, Daventry
Recommendations:	<p>Cabinet is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. agree the capital scheme at West Haddon Endowed CE Primary School to provide a new school hall and authorise the scheme to proceed to the construction phase within available and agreed financial resources;</li> <li>2. approve the financial and governance arrangements associated with the capital scheme;</li> <li>3. delegate authority to the Assistant Director Assets and Capital in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders to approve, accept, award and appoint the preferred bidder and to execute or authorise the execution of all the necessary documentation to facilitate the capital scheme;</li> <li>4. approve the proposal from the Peterborough Church of England Diocese to establish the new primary school at Monksmoor, Daventry as a Voluntary Aided school, following consideration of all feedback received during the period of consultation.</li> </ol>

**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet members with all the necessary information to make a fully informed decision on the proposals to:

- Build a new purpose built school hall at West Haddon Endowed CE Primary School.
- Establish the new 1 form entry primary school at Monksmoor as a Peterborough Church of England Diocese Voluntary Aided School.

**2. How this decision contributes to the Council plan**

The Council’s vision is to make Northamptonshire a great place to live and work. This is achieved through increasing the wellbeing of your county’s communities and/or safeguarding the county’s communities.

This initiative specifically delivers increased wellbeing and/or safeguarding by ensuring that:

- People have the information and support they need to make healthy choices and achieve wellbeing.
- Communities thrive in a pleasant and resilient environment, with robust transport and communications infrastructure.
- Resources are utilised effectively and efficiently, in coordination with partners and providers.

### **3. Background**

#### **West Haddon Endowed CE Primary School**

- 3.1 West Haddon Endowed CE Primary School is a small village voluntary controlled school to the north of Daventry, with an admission number of 30 and a total capacity of 210 pupils. The school is popular with an Ofsted rating of 'Good' (2012).
- 3.2 Originally built in the 1800's, it has been extended over the years to provide additional teaching areas. It has limited classroom space and group/breakout areas however its main problem is the size and position of the hall which is nearly half that recommended for a one form entry school and is a thoroughfare from one part of the school to another.
- 3.3 The lack of hall space significantly impacts on both the children's learning and the daily running of the school. The school have sought to improve and extend their hall for many years, having progressed a fully designed scheme through planning, to tender stage. Unfortunately a lack of funding streams has prevented them progressing this further and planning approval expired in April 2017.
- 3.4 The village is undergoing some housing development with around 120 new dwellings being built, some of which are complete. These are within the linked area of the school and Section 106 contributions have been secured from the developments.
- 3.5 The proposal is to provide the school with a purpose built hall suitable for the capacity of the school, with associated space. This will enable them to deliver a high quality and varied Physical Education, Dance and Drama curriculum as well as full school assemblies, school productions, functions, events and an enhanced lunchtime dining experience. It will also be available for community events. The current hall space will be used for much needed classroom/group/break out space.

#### **Monksmoor Daventry**

- 3.6 A new one form entry primary school with nursery is being built on the Monksmoor development at Daventry, with an opening date of September 2018. The school is being procured and managed by Daventry District Council through the Sunesis framework, utilising the S106 contributions from the developers. Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) has no capital financial involvement.

- 3.7 The Education Act 2011 changed the arrangements for establishing new schools and introduced section 6A (the free school presumption) to the Education and Inspections Act 2006., but with an option for establishing Voluntary Aided schools where there is local agreement to do so.
- 3.8 The Peterborough Diocese Board of Education has submitted a proposal to establish the school with a religious character in accordance with the tenets of the Church of England. The admissions policy will be inclusive and the school will not select children on the basis of church attendance. Full details of the proposal are provided in Appendix 1.
- 3.9 Under the terms of the Education Act 2006 (Section 11), the County Council is the decision-maker when a voluntary aided school is proposed; Cabinet is therefore asked to approve this proposal.

#### **4. Consultation and Scrutiny**

##### **West Haddon**

- 4.1 The school is not increasing its admission number or capacity and therefore no statutory consultation process has been required.
- 4.2 A pre-planning consultation event took place on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 as part of the planning application process to share the proposed plans with the local community and parents at the school.
- 4.3 The plans were generally well received although there was some concern expressed from neighbouring residents regarding the height of the building. Feedback received will be incorporated into the planning application for the scheme.

##### **Monksmoor**

- 4.4 The Peterborough Diocese held a public meeting in March 2017 and a survey was made available, both on-line and in paper format. This engagement revealed support for the proposal for a Church School.
- 4.5 The full proposal was published on 9 October 2017 followed by a six week period of representation which concluded on 24 November 2017.
- 4.6 The Diocese have received 22 responses; 20 of these support the proposal whilst 2 are objections. These are attached in Appendix 2.
- 4.7 The Peterborough Diocese have reviewed the consultation feedback and their summary is attached in Appendix 3

#### **5. Equality Screening**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed in respect of each proposal and identifies potential positive implications for age and disability. These are set out in more detail in the Equality Impact Assessment which can be found here:

[http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/equalities/equality-impact-assessments-eqias/Pages/children,-families-and-education-equality-impact-assessments-\(eqias\).aspx](http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/equalities/equality-impact-assessments-eqias/Pages/children,-families-and-education-equality-impact-assessments-(eqias).aspx)

## 6. Alternative Options Considered

### West Haddon

- 6.1 NCC has undertaken a full feasibility assessment. The original plans from the school were deemed unsuitable as the hall size would not have met current Building Bulletin recommendations and there are further complications with the roof and heating in this area.
- 6.2 The initial feasibility report recommendations included other works including alterations to the reception and office area of the school and work to convert the old hall into breakout rooms. However this proved to be unaffordable and the scope of the project was reduced.

## 7. Financial Implications

### West Haddon

- 7.1 Approval for the scheme was recommended at Major Projects and Capital Programme Board on 17 October 2017 with a maximum cost of £800k, funded from Section 106 developer contributions (£733,820) and DfE Grant (£66,180).
- 7.2 A value engineering exercise has been tasked to reduce the budget to within the limits of the S106 available, due to cost pressures. This will be completed before tender stage.

	Current year	Forecast		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 & beyond
	£45,500	£740,362	£14,138	£000
<b>Capital Investment</b>				
Costs	£45,500	£740,362	£14,138	
Funded by	Section 106 contributions and DfE Grant			
<b>On-going costs (revenue)</b>				
Costs - Staffing	Any impact on revenue costs for the school will be met through their delegated budget			
Other				
Total on-going costs (revenue)				
Funding by	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)			

What benefits will the proposal deliver?	The school will be able to provide its pupils with a quality and varied PE, Dance and Drama curriculum as well as full school assemblies, school productions, functions, events and an enhanced lunchtime dining experience. It will also be available for community events.
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## Monksmoor

7.3 There are no financial implications associated with this proposal. The school has been procured by Daventry District Council through the terms of the S106 agreement. Revenue costs will come from the Designated Schools Grant (DSG) that the County Council receives from central government.

### 8. Risk and Business Continuity Management

#### 1. Risk(s) associated with the proposal

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk
West Haddon - Planning permission not granted	Early dialogue with planners	Amber
West Haddon -Lack of capital funding if S106 contributions do not materialise.	Monitor progress of development and invoice for funds once triggers reached.	Amber
Monksmoor – school not completed and equipped for September 2018	Construction is underway. Maintain dialogue with DDC	Amber

#### 2. Risk(s) associated with not undertaking the proposal

Risk	Risk Rating
West Haddon School will not be able to provide a full and varied curriculum to its pupils.	Red
Monksmoor - Insufficient school places in Daventry to meet demand.	Red

### 9. List of Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Peterborough Diocese full proposal
- Appendix 2 – Consultation responses
- Appendix 3 - Peterborough Diocese consultation feedback review
- Appendix 4 – Leaflet for Monksmoor School

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Background Papers:	
Does the report propose a key decision is taken?	YES
If yes, is the decision in the Forward Plan?	YES
Will further decisions be required? If so please outline the timetable here	

Does the report include delegated decisions? If so, please outline the timetable here	
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget and/or policy framework?	NO
Have the financial implications been cleared by the Strategic Finance Manager (SFM)? Have any capital spend implications been cleared by the Capital Investment Board (CIB)	YES Name of SFM: James Smith  YES
Has the report been cleared by the relevant Director?	YES Name of Director: Andrew Quincy
Has the relevant Cabinet Member been consulted?	YES Cabinet Member: Cllr Matt Golby
Has the relevant scrutiny committee been consulted?	NO
Has the report been cleared by Legal Services?	YES Name of solicitor: Duncan Bisatt
Have any communications issues been cleared by Communications and Marketing?	YES Name of officer: Joni Ager
Have any property Issues been cleared by Property and Asset Management?	YES Name of officer: Ian Boll
Procurement/ Contractual Implications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you evidenced compliance with the Council's Contract Procedures Rules?</li> <li>• Have you identified where you are seeking Cabinet to approve an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules and detailed the risks and mitigations?</li> <li>• Have you identified any EU or UK legislative risks associated with the exemption process such as non-compliance with the Public Contract Regulations Act 2015, transparency and open competition?</li> <li>• Have you identified the procurement or contractual risks associated with a contract?</li> <li>• Has the contract/procurement been subjected to the Council's Commercial Board?</li> </ul>	Tender and contract award will be via the NCC Framework.
Are there any community safety implications?	YES

	These are considered at the design stage of all school projects.
Are there any environmental implications:	YES These are considered as part of the planning process and necessary measures adhered to.
Are there any Health and Safety Implications:	YES These are an important consideration in the designing and construction of school buildings, and are considered at all stages of the project.
Are there any Human Resources Implications:	NO
Are there any human rights implications:	NO
Constituency Interest:	Cllr S Osborne (West Haddon), Cllr A Howard (Monksmoor)

