

Award of Contract for buildings works at Thomas Deacon Academy

Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University

August 2017

Deadline date: August 2017

Cabinet portfolio holders:	Cllr Ayres Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University in consultation with Cabinet Member for Resources
Responsible Director:	Wendi Ogle-Welbourn Corporate Director People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/24JULY/03
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources is requested to :

1. Authorise the construction of building works up to the value of the budget sum of £2.5m. This sum shall include the anticipated design and build contract costs and funding for all site surveys and project management and technical advisers fees.
2. Authorise the Corporate Director People and Communities in consultation with the Interim Corporate Director Resources and Legal Services to award the contract for the construction works to the successful contractor from Lot 3 of the Peterborough City Council Construction Framework following the mini-competition process.
3. Authorise the Director of Governance or delegated officers to enter into any other legal documentation on behalf of the Council in relation to this matter.

Cllr Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources, has been consulted and has raised no comment.

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks the Cabinet Member's approval of the recommendations to carry out works at Thomas Deacon Academy that will expand the school building. The works will allow for the Academy to take additional students in the future should it be required and

provide a contingency for meeting the City's need for additional capacity in the secondary school system

- 1.2 This is required because of the growing number of children in primary schools. However it is not possible to identify precisely where these places will be needed until parents express their secondary school preferences
- 1.3 The scope of works are for the provision of a staff room, an expanded kitchen and dining area and 3 general teaching classrooms covering 900sqm over 3 storeys
- 1.4 The programme for the works assumes a start on site date during September 2017 with a 52 weeks programme of works and completion for August 2018. The programme will be validated as part of the review of tenders

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide background information and seek the Cabinet Member's approval in relation to the recommendations.
- 2.2 This decision is proposed in accordance with the delegations for the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.8 (a) of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of her portfolio at paragraph (b).

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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2. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 2.1 A budget of £2.5m has been set for the project. These funds are allocated against the Primary Capital Programme within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) (2017/18). Thomas Deacon Academy have also agreed to make a financial contribution to the scheme.
- 2.2 The Council's Construction Framework was procured using the restricted procedure under the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The framework agreement commenced on 1st January 2017 for a period of four years.
- 4.3 The framework includes the following contractors for Lot 3 (value £2m to £5m):
- Coulson Building Group
 - Jeakins Weir Limited
 - Kier Construction Limited
 - Morgan Sindall Construction and Infrastructure Limited
 - RG Carter Cambridge Limited
- 4.4 The framework permits contracts to be called-off under a mini competition process and the Council is procuring the works set out in this report through this process.
- 4.5 The planning application for the works at the school was granted by the Council Planning Committee on 5 May 2016 Reference 16/00393/FUL

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The headteacher and representatives of Thomas Deacon Academy Governing Body have been fully involved in the development of the specification and design for the works.

- 5.2 The School Organisation Plan Updated 2016 refers to the potential expansion of Thomas Deacon Academy. The School Organisation Plan Updated 2016 was presented to the Education Scrutiny Committee in November 2016, Cabinet in January 2017 and the Education Scrutiny Committee again on 8 July 2017.
- 5.3 As part of the planning application process during 2016 for the building works all statutory consultees were consulted and their approvals obtained.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Subject to evaluation by the Council's evaluation team of the tenders submitted by the Contractors, the preferred contractor will design and construct the new accommodation under the JCT design and build contract.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide school places. The works proposed will provide the opportunity for the Academy to take additional pupils should it be required in the future. The pressure to provide sufficient school places in the secondary system is documented in the School Organisation Plan 2015-2020. (updated 2016)
- 7.2 The proposed scheme of works will provide :
- a staff room
 - an expanded kitchen and dining area
 - 3 general teaching classrooms

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The following options were considered and rejected:

- 8.1 To do nothing – this option was rejected due to the shortage of secondary school pupil places in the area and in the city and the Local Authority's statutory duty to provide sufficient school places.
- 8.2 Other schools within the city are also presently being considered for expansion including City of Peterborough Academy and Ken Stimpson School and as described in the Updated School Organisation Plan 2016

9. IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Legal - The Council is entering into the agreement pursuant to its powers contained in section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, section 14 of the Education Act 1996, section 22 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 in order to enable investment in certain educational services and facilities.
- 9.2 Financial - A budget of £2.5m has been set for the project. These funds are allocated against the Primary Capital Programme within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) (2017/18).
- 9.3 Environmental - The specification for the works in the new build will include a sustainable approach to ensure that the building envelope exceeds current building regulations in terms of air quality, air tightness and energy efficiency to achieve the 10% improvement in Part L2A Buildings Regulations.

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

None.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

School Organisation Plan 2015-2020

School Organisation Plan 2016 (Updated)