

Executive Officer Delegated Decision Checklist

When completing your Executive Officer Delegated Decision template, is it important you follow the steps below *prior* to submitting it to your Business Operations Manager, to start the Mod.Gov process. Documents may be returned to the Author(s) in the event of the checklist being incomplete.

- Information on the [Scheme of Delegation and Scheme of Sub-Delegation](#) can be found on our webpages.

	Yes	No	Consultee(s)	Date
Have you reviewed the relevant Scheme of Sub-Delegation to enable you to make this decision?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Click or tap to enter a date.
Have you consulted and received feedback on your decision from the Communications team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Click or tap to enter a date.
Have you consulted and received feedback on your decision from the Legal team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Click or tap to enter a date.
Have you consulted and received feedback on your decision from the Finance team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Click or tap to enter a date.
Have you consulted and received feedback on your decision from the HR team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Click or tap to enter a date.
Have you consulted and received feedback on your decision from the SLT Lead?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Click or tap to enter a date.
Please list any other colleagues you have consulted with e.g. Procurement, Commercial, Property etc.				Click or tap to enter a date.

*If you answer **No** to any of the above, please provide a brief reason why:*

A consultation has already taken place with regards to the expansion proposal, the delegated decision is required to approve the release of the S106 education monies for the expansion to be physically completed.

Once the above checklist has been completed, please submit your completed documents, along with all appendices and any supporting documentation to your Business Operations Manager:

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Decision Title

Capital Funding for the provision of additional places at Madeley High School.

Decision Required

To approve capital funding to provide additional accommodation at Madeley High School using Section 106 education funds, subject to necessary approvals by the Regional Director and Staffordshire County Council.

Decision Date

14/03/2023

Decision Summary

To approve capital funding for the project to provide additional accommodation at Madeley High School in order to mitigate housing developments in the school's catchment using S106 education funds.

The cost of the project is approximately £1,286,761. This project will be funded by S106 education contributions, negotiated by the School Organisation Team from housing developers across the school's catchment.

Delegated Function

Delegation to Director for Children and Families

Delegation under Scheme of Delegation to the Director for Children and Families, paragraph 12:

To be responsible for the functions conferred on or exercisable by the Local Authority in its capacity as a local education authority particularly:

- (1) Its strategic duties under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote:
 - Choice
 - Diversity
 - High standards
 - The fulfilment of every child's educational potential
- (2) Its responsibilities under the Education Act 1996 to:
 - Secure School Places
 - Secure excellence in education, promoting high standards and fulfilment of potential

- (3) Its responsibilities under the Education Act 1996 or any subsequent legislation in relation to the provision of education for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

Category of Decision

Significant in financial implications (spend/savings between £500,000 and £1.999m and or less than 15% of the budget over the period of the decision's effect

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Background

The County Council wish to provide up to an additional 75 places (0.5FE) at Madeley High School to mitigate the impact of new housing developments, totalling of up to 900 new homes, within the school's catchment.

Madeley High School is part of the The Shaw Education Trust (TSET) and as such are responsible for consulting on any significant changes, such as an expansion.

Madeley High School has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 135.

The School Organisation Team, our property partners, Entrust, and the Academy Trust have developed a project that will deliver an additional two classrooms, an additional science classroom and canopies to enlarge dining and social space.

The cost of the project is approximately £1,286,761. This project will be funded by S106 education contributions, negotiated by the School Organisation Team, from the housing developments in the school's catchment.

Options Considered

As this is the only high school serving the Rural part of Newcastle including areas such as Loggerheads, Baldwins Gate, Madeley, Keele and Betley no other schools were considered for school places. These areas are also where the new housing developments are situated.

Consultation Process

School Organisation Team consulted with internal officers from Highways, Connectivity and Home to School Transport. Highways will ensure that ModeShift Stars is commissioned as an incentive for children to use sustainable transport when travelling to and from school and a traffic assessment was completed as part of the Planning application.

As Madeley High School is an academy and responsible for their own consultation for the expansion proposal, which ran from 7 November 2022 to 16 December 2022.

A public consultation event attended by one person was held at the Madeley Centre on Wednesday 23rd November 2022. The school had the proposals pinned on walls in order that more people could see the plans.

The consultation yielded 6 responses, 5 (83%) of which were in favour. The response not in favour was received from the CEO of a local trust which has three high schools located across Newcastle, all of which are undersubscribed with two rated "Requires Improvement" by Ofsted. They felt that expanding Madeley High would compound this issue. The trust also queried why Madeley exceeded PAN for the academic year 2022. SCC's school admissions team have advised the reason for the exceeding of PAN was to accommodate as many first preferences as possible. It should also be noted that Madeley High School was the only high school considered as all the developments fall within Madeley High catchment area and their feeder schools.

The enlargement and the increase of PAN from 135 to 150 from September 2024 is required to mitigate the impact of up to 1,000 new homes within the catchment of the school. This supports SCC's commitment to providing places for local children and the local authority's responsibility for ensuring there are sufficient school places within a reasonable distance. The school would not be able to accommodate the additional pupils expected in future years without the proposed expansion.

The Local Authority did not consider any other schools as they would have been out of catchment, out of the Madeley High School's admissions criteria and the sites are geographically a greater distance away than Madeley High School.

S77 consent was given by the DfE in December 2022. Planning Submission is in progress. Approval of the delegated decision is requested in lieu of the pending planning approval which would be necessary before the academy trust can submit their expansion proposal

for the approval of the Office of the Regional Director. Funding would not be released without these approvals in place.

Electoral Divisions Affected

Paul Northcott – Newcastle Rural

Name of Executive Officer Making Decision:

Neelam Bhardwaja - Director for Children and Families

Community Impact Assessment

Key Issues

Staffordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient supply of school places.

The expansion would provide additional capacity to support a permanent PAN increase to ensure sufficient school places for planned housing.

Children would be able to attend their local catchment school.

The number of pupils attending a 'good' or 'outstanding' school would increase.

Staffordshire would be able to maintain a high percentage of parental preference.

Resource and Value for Money Analysis

Current accommodation is not sufficient to meet the demand of the new local housing located within and in close proximity to the catchment area.

Provision of additional capacity would support growth in pupil numbers and maintain sufficient places locally.

The expansion project is to be funded from secured and received S106 developer contributions.

Risk Analysis

Without the expansion the schools would not be able to meet the additional place demand from local housing development.

Legal Analysis

Academy Trusts proposing a significant change must follow the statutory guidance [Making a significant change to an open academy and closure](#) (DfE, 2019). To implement this proposal, the academy must submit a fast track approval to the DfE, in accordance with the statutory guidance. As part of their fast track application they confirm where the funds for the proposal has come from.

Implementation

Yes - To be implemented by SCC/Entrust/Contractor

Implementation Status

Work to commence on:	June 2024
Work in progress:	n/a
Work completed on date below:	September 2024

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