

Notice of an Executive decision under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

The Cabinet will be asked to consider and determine the following matter, which is a key decision, on 17 March 2021

The Meadows School (9-19) – Extension Works

The item seeks approval to the allocation of £850,000 from the council's Special Education Needs and Disability capital grant to fund extension works to The Meadows School (9-19), Dudley Road East, Oldbury B69 3BU.

The Regulations require that 28 clear days' notice is given before a key decision is made. However, this was impracticable as:-

- Placement allocations for Key Stage 2 to 3 pupils were finalised in February;
- This revealed a need for more pupil places at KS3 in special schools with similar areas of expertise to The Meadows;
- As The Meadows would already be full this could mean more external Out Of Borough places would be required – costing more and increasing transport costs;
- The solution increases internal special needs capacity in line with our recent transport presentations and delivers it for the coming academic year;
- The Meadows site has space – we hold grant funding to deliver the project.

To enable construction to commence in early May 2021, award of a contract is required by mid-April.

Due to this, and in accordance with the Regulations, the Vice Chair of the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board has been informed of this matter in writing.

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