

MINUTES OF THE MEETING Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Monday, 17th March, 2025, 10.00 - 10.30 am

PRESENT:

Councillors: Zena Brabazon

ALSO ATTENDING:

Chris Liasi – Principal Committee Co-Ordinator, David Lee - Senior Project Manager, Paige Mander - Assistant Project Manager, Niall Tallis (Major Projects Delivery Manager – Place.

29. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

30. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

There were none.

31. URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

33. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/QUESTIONS

There were none.

34. THE BROOK ON BROADWATERS SAFETY VALVE PROJECT - AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The Brook Special School was a facility for primary-aged children, located within the same building as Willow Primary School. The two schools shared amenities such as the playground and car park. The Brook accommodated 128 students aged 4–11, specializing in education for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), profound and severe learning difficulties, as well as associated physical, medical, communication, and emotional needs.

The school building, constructed ten years ago in a 'C' shape, featured two teaching wings and central shared facilities. It replaced three former schools, including Moselle Primary, whose previous site to the east was repurposed for housing development by the council. Both The Brook and Willow operated at full capacity.

In 2024, the site was chosen to host a unit for up to 18 Key Stage 2 students with Complex Needs, as part of the Safety Valve programme, approved in September 2024. A multi-disciplinary design team was appointed in July 2024 to explore options, and a feasibility report led to the selection of a preferred design. This design reached RIBA Stage 2, and preparations were made for a modular building tender.

A Design and Build Contract was deemed the most suitable for the project. To meet the September 2025 deadline, tenders were issued based on a RIBA Stage 2 design, requiring the contractor to finalize the plans and secure planning and building control approvals.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) was released via the Dynamic Purchasing System, targeting modular and modern construction methods. Evaluation weighted quality at 60% and price at 40%. However, after receiving a Pre-Tender Estimate exceeding £1,000,000, the tender process was paused to incorporate Social Value considerations.

It was queried if all rules and procedures were followed during the process which officers confirmed.

THE CABINET MEMBER RESOLVED:

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families, pursuant to contract standing order 16.02, approved the following actions:

- 3.1 Awarded a contract, in accordance with contract standing order (CSO) 9.07.1d, for the construction of a new modular two-classroom block at The Brook on Broadwaters School, based on a tendered contract sum of £1,154,231.54.
- 3.2 Approved a client contingency, as detailed in Part B of the report, which was to be strictly managed under change control governance arrangements.
- 3.3 Approved the issuance of a Letter of Intent, up to the value of £115,423.15, in line with CSO 9.07.3.

Reasons for decisions:

The reasons for the decision were as follows:

- 4.1 In February 2024, Cabinet approved The Brook on Broadwaters as the location to provide up to 18 places for Key Stage 2 (KS2) children with Complex Needs under the Safety Valve Programme.

- 4.2 A feasibility study, completed in July 2024, recommended a modular building in the southeast corner of the site to expand the school and create 18 additional places for children with severe learning difficulties.
- 4.3 A design and build contract was proposed as the most efficient way to meet the project deadline of September 2025.

Alternative options considered.

5.1 Do nothing – This would result in Haringey failing to meet its commitment to deliver additional SEN spaces by September 2025 under the Safety Valve Programme.

5.2 In-house – There is currently no resource within the Council that has the capacity, specialist expertise or qualifications to deliver this service.

35. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 8 was subject to a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contains exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paras 3 and 5, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

36. EXEMPT - THE BROOK ON BROADWATERS SAFETY VALVE PROJECT - AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The exempt information was considered.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date

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