

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION



Title of Item: Blenheim School Autism Resource Base – Approval to Tender

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Investments

Key Decision (YES/NO): YES

Name & Job Title of Officer Requesting Decision:

Mark Murphy, Head of Property and Estate Management

Decision:

Appoint AW Hardy and Co Limited to undertake the construction of an Autism Resource Base at Blenheim Primary School subject to Standstill Period and submission of satisfactory provision of compliance documentation.

Reasons for Decision:

To put in place a main contractor to deliver the construction of a new Autism Resource Base at Blenheim Primary School.

A decision is required as a matter of urgency to ensure that works can start promptly and that grant conditions and deadlines are met. A programme delay to enable a report to Cabinet would significantly delay the start, and therefore completion, of the works risking the Council's ability to draw down the external grant funding and the completion of the building in time for the 2025/26 school year.

Alternative Options Rejected:

The Council considered other procurement route options including use of an existing Framework but this was discounted as it would reduce competition and limit opportunities for local supplier engagement.

A Restricted (Two Stage) tender process was considered but it was considered that this would not result in best value being achieved due to limiting engagement in the competitive stage.

Declarations/Conflict of Interest:

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Decision Taken by Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Investments

Councillor: Paul Collins

Signed:

Date: