

Cabinet – 22 April 2009

Outline Business Case for Sheffield Academy

Portfolio: Councillor A Andrew, Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor Z Ali, Children Services

Service: Regeneration - Property Services

Wards: Rushall – Sheffield

Key decision: No

Forward plan: Yes

1. Summary of report

- 1.1 The Cabinet meeting of December 2008 approved the statutory proposal to close Sheffield Sports and Community College on 31st December 2008, subject to the signing of the indicative Funding Agreement by the Secretary of State for the opening of an Academy on 1st January 2009, following which the building will be partly rebuilt (50%), remodelled (45%) and refurbished (5%).
- 1.2 Cabinet is advised that the signed indicative Funding Agreement is now in place.
- 1.3 Cabinet is now asked to give delegated authority to the Executive Director for Regeneration or Executive Director Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder. for the signing of the Outline Business Case (OBC) as required by Partnerships for Schools (PfS) for the related funding allocation.
- 1.4 It is intended to inform future Cabinet meetings on the progress of the project and seek approval of Final Business Case (FBC), and to request further delegated authority for officers to enter into contract with the successful Design and Build Contractor who will be selected from the PfS National Framework Contract list.
- 1.5 The Department for Children School and Families (DCSF) indicative funding allocation for this scheme is £23,587,363 million, although the final figure will require agreement and confirmation from the DCSF, before works can commence.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet approves delegated authority to the Executive Director for Regeneration or Executive Director Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for the signing of the OBC for the indicative funding allocation £23,587,363.00.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Academy was approved by Cabinet on 16th January 2008. This document outlined the proposal to open an Academy on the Sheffield Sports and Community site. The sponsor is the Ormiston Trust which works to promote the well being of children and young people, especially those disadvantaged by their life experiences and circumstances.
- 3.2 The EOI identified the Academy, its size, sponsor, likely site and the indicative funding envelope approved by the DCSF.
- 3.3 The Procurement process as prescribed by Partnerships for Schools (PfS), designates the Council as the procurement body for construction of the Academy buildings. The Council is required to procure both consultants and contractors and deliver the project within the funding envelope approved by PfS in the OBC.
- 3.4 Construction consultant Navigant who were chosen from the PfS National Consultancy Framework have been appointed to provide the role of Project Manager and Technical Advisors and have commenced works on the OBC, which includes surveys, outline planning application and design options for the New Academy. All stakeholders, including the Designate Principle (Sheffield Academy) and the Sponsor (Ormiston Trust), have been fully engaged in the consultation processes, and this will continue throughout the remainder of the project.

4. Resource considerations

4.1 Financial:

- 4.1.1 Funding will be based on the final approval of the OBC allocation, after which no further funding can then be obtained from DCSF; anything beyond the initial fixed budget will be at the Council's risk. The Council's Section 151 Officer is required to sign the OBC as well as the Executive Director of Regeneration or Executive Director of Children's Services.
- 4.1.2 The PfS funding model includes for a level of abnormal costs to cover issues such as ground conditions, the level of this funding is subject to negotiation with PfS. PfS will not however fund off site works such as Highways improvement which may be identified during the planning process. At this stage this has been highlighted as a risk only and will be reported to Cabinet at final business case stage when costs if any are known.

4.2 Legal:

- 4.2.1 Legal Services have been consulted and have advised on the appointment of consultants and will be consulted during the framework contract procurement process. The route is strictly prescribed by PfS with little opportunity for derogation.
- 4.2.2 Corporate Procurement has also been consulted on the procurement processes.

4.3 **Staffing:**

There are no staffing implications with this report

5. **Citizen impact**

The provision of the New Academy will contribute to the improved learning of the Children and Young people at Shelfield Academy. Stakeholders and pupils are current engaged in the consultation and development procedures using the Sorrell Foundation methodology.

6. **Community safety**

The proposed designs for the Academy will give increased onsite car parking allocation for the school which will reduce the need to park on adjacent roads.

7. **Environmental impact**

A BREEAM (British research establishment environmental assessment method) workshop will be undertaken with all stakeholders and the building will be designed to achieve a BREEAM rating of 'very good'.

8. **Performance and risk management issues**

8.1 **Risk:** A risk workshop has been held and a risk register will be maintained to enable all the risks to be determined and managed, this will be recorded using the corporate risk assessment/management process

8.2 **Performance management:** The project will be registered on the Council's project register and will follow Walsall Project Approach (WPA).

9. **Equality implications**

9.1 The successful bidders (Main Contractor) will be expected to provide a copy of their Equalities and Health policy and this will be approved to ensure that it is in line with the Council's policy. Indeed, some of these items are integral to the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the contract. These items will be monitor throughout the contract.

10. **Consultation**

Consultation with various stakeholders has and will continue to take place (Academy, Walsall Children Services, Leisure Services, Planning and Building Control) and all have given their support and backing to the proposals. Further consultation with the local community will continue as the scheme develops.

Background papers

- Report to Cabinet January 2008 Expression of Interest
- Report to Cabinet June 2008 Closure Notice
- Report to Cabinet December 2008 Funding Agreement
- Delivering Academy Buildings through PfS Guidance Document – Overview of Available Procurement Routes v7 June 2007.
- PfS National Framework – Overview of Development Agreement v1
- Delivering Academy Building through PfS Guidance Document – The Design Group June 2007.

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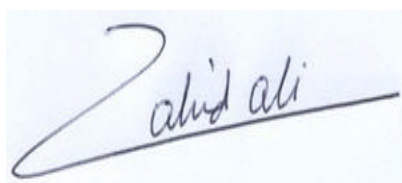
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