

**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DELEGATED DECISIONS NOTICE (when approving expenditure over £500,000 Whole Life Cost)**

Director of Children’s Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Education and Skills and the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources

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**THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DECISIONS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON 13 NOVEMBER 2017 SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER 14 NOVEMBER 2017.**

ITEM.	DECISION	REASON FOR DECISION	ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED
<p><b>TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF HENLOW CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY</b></p> <p>Commissioning New School Places in the ward of Arlesey through the temporary expansion of Henlow Church of England Academy. (Contact Officer: Victor Wan, Senior Education Officer (Planning)</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:victor.wan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">victor.wan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Tel: 0300 300 5574)</p>	<p>To commit to the increased capital cost for the expansion of Henlow Church of England Academy (middle school), Arlesey, to accommodate the additional school places admitted in September 2017 and the school places by September 2018. The additional costs are due to market increases in construction costs, town planning requirements for the position and design of the new sports hall and Sports England conditions including a new block for a changing room facility at the school.</p>	<p>The programme for delivering the school places for September 2018 is very tight. A construction programme will need 10 months for completion of the classrooms for handover in August 2018 to the school. A delayed start to the programme is likely to impact on the ability of the school to accommodate the additional children. The new hall is envisaged not to be completed until the end of September 2018.</p>	<p>Alternative options were explored with other academies in the area. No other academy agreed to expand their numbers within the required timescales.</p>

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