

Central Bedfordshire Council

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCUTINY COMMITTEE

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Commissioning new school places in the ward of

Stotfold through the delivery of a new extended secondary Free School (Pix Brook Academy)

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This report relates to a decision that is Key

Purpose of this report

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Executive report as attached in Appendix 1

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to recommend to the Council's Executive: -

- 1** The release of land (subject to planning) for the new free school and for the Council to deliver the new free school on behalf of the DfE.
- 2** Authorise the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services to enter into all appropriate legal documentation to implement the scheme including the building contract and ancillary documents, funding agreement, development agreement, Academy lease and all contracts required to secure delivery and operation of the new school.

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

- 1.** Overview and Scrutiny are asked to recommend to the Executive the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1.

Council Priorities

2. The report supports Central Bedfordshire's Five Year Plan 2015-2020 and the specific priority of Improving Education and Skills.

Legal Implications

3. As set out in the Legal Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Financial and Risk Implications

4. As set out in the Financial Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Equalities Implications

5. As set out in the Equality Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Conclusion and next Steps

6. Subject to Executive approval, officers will engage with the DfE and ESFA to pursue the release of the land required for the free school and the business case for self-delivery of the school.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Draft Report to the Executive

Appendix A: Map of the proposed site for Pix Brook Academy

Background Papers

None

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