

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Education
<b>Date:</b>	25 May 2016
<b>Title:</b>	Wildern Academy, Hedge End, Southampton
<b>Reference:</b>	7485
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to the project proposals for the construction of a synthetic turf pitch (STP) at Wildern Academy, Hedge End, Southampton at an estimated total cost of £348,000.
- 1.2. The purpose of this paper is also to obtain spend and procurement approval for contracting activity associated with the project.
- 1.3. This project will complement the comprehensive building improvement works at the school enhancing the sports facilities available that will benefit both pupils and the local community.
- 1.4. The additional STP is required as a result of additional pupil places agreed between the County Council and the Academy.
- 1.5. The Council retains its statutory responsibility to ensure there are sufficient school places for Academies as well as community schools.

**2. Scope of Work**

- 2.1. It is proposed to construct a new 'all-weather' synthetic turf multi-use games area (MUGA) with associated works on the existing playing field at the school.
- 2.2. Funding for the project was approved at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 20 January 2016 and this report outlines the available budget from within which the project must be designed and delivered.

**3. Contextual Information**

- 3.1. Wildern Academy is located off Wildern Lane, Hedge End, Southampton. The location of the new MUGA will be to the north of the school adjacent to Taplin Drive.

- 3.2. It is proposed that the works be procured through an existing framework arrangement. It is anticipated that works will commence on site during Spring 2016 and complete during Summer 2016.
- 3.3. It is proposed that the contractor will access the school site by a temporary access road off Taplin Drive. The contractor's compound will be located adjacent to the proposed site.
- 3.4. During the construction period temporary site huts and materials will be located close to the proposed pitch to maximise site security, whilst minimising disruption to the school.
- 3.5. The school site will remain in use during the construction period and construction traffic will enter and exit the site off Taplin Drive. All traffic will be carefully managed for the health and safety of the general public.

#### 4. Finance

##### 4.1. Capital Expenditure:

The Capital Expenditure has already been approved; the following tables outline the breakdown of its distribution across the project:

Capital Expenditure	Current Estimate £'000	Capital Programme £'000
Buildings	299	227
Fees	49	38
	348*	265*

\* The means by which the difference between the Current Estimate and the Capital Programme allocation is to be met are shown in the table below:

##### 4.2. Sources of Funding:

Financial Provision for Total Scheme	Buildings £'000	Fees £'000	Total Cost £'000
1. From Own Resources			
a) Capital Programme (as above)	227	38	265
2. From Other Resources			
a) Academy Contribution (net of VAT)	72	11	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>348</b>

a) *Equipment:*

No allocation for equipment has been made within the project funding.  
Any additional equipment will be funded directly by the school.

4.3 Revenue Issues:

a) Overview of Revenue Implications:

	(a) Employees £'000	(b) Other £'000	(a+b) *Net Current Expenditure £'000	(c) Capital Charges £'000	(a + b + c) Total Net Expenditure £'000
Revenue Implications Additional + / Reductions	0	0	0	15	15

**5. Risk & Impact Issues**

5.1. Please see Appendix B for a summary of the risk and impact issues considered in relation to the design of this project.

**6. Details of site and existing Infrastructure**

- 6.1. The proposed site of the new MUGA is currently used as a seasonal turf playing field for formal sports activities.
- 6.2. The site is generally flat and lies immediately adjacent to Taplin Drive to the north.
- 6.3. Located to the west of the site are recently completed tennis courts and existing floodlit MUGA that provides the school and community with a valuable facility.
- 6.4. A number of residential properties overlook the site from Taplin Drive.
- 6.5. The north of the site is bounded by a line of trees which align with Taplin Drive.

**7. Scope of the Project**

- 7.1. The proposed works at Wildern Academy will include:
  - Construction of a new multi-use games area (MUGA)
  - A reinforced grass access path to be incorporated to the east to offer access for ground maintenance and emergency vehicles
  - A 2m high acoustic barrier adjacent to Taplin Drive.

## **8. The Proposed Site**

- 8.1. The proposed new facility at Wildern Academy will be suitable for general purpose, multi-use sports training and practice, as well as for community use weekdays and weekends.
- 8.2. The facility will be available during the same hours as the existing MUGA.

## **9. External Works**

- 9.1. The external landscape proposals at Wildern Academy will include:
  - Construction of a new synthetic turf carpet incorporating a shock absorbing layer.
  - The facility will be enclosed with a 3.0m high fence behind the goals and around the perimeter of the pitch.
  - All metal work will be powder coated dark green to minimise the visual impact within the landscape.
  - Pitch markings will be colour coded and clearly defined to the guidelines set by the relevant sport governing body.

## **10. Planning**

- 10.1. A planning application was submitted on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

## **11. Building Management**

- 11.1. The existing building management arrangements will remain in place.

## **12. Professional Resources**

Landscape	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Mechanical & Electrical	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Structural Engineering	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Quantity Surveying	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Health and Safety Adviser	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Highway and Drainage Engineer	- Economy, Transport and Environment

## **13. Consultations**

- 13.1. The following have been consulted during the development of this project and feedback can be seen in overview in Appendix C:

Headteacher  
School Governors  
Children's Services  
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services  
Local County Councillor  
Local Residents  
Fire Officer  
Access Officer

Planning Department  
Crime Prevention Officer

**14. Recommendations**

- 14.1. That the Executive Member for Education gives approval to the project proposals for the construction of a synthetic turf pitch at Wildern Academy, Hedge End, Southampton at an estimated total cost of £348,000.
- 14.2. That the Executive Member for Education grants procurement and spend approval for contracting activity associated with the project as outlined in Section 3.2 of this report.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1. An equalities impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified. Access arrangements have been considered during the design stages of the project and have been improved.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1. The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime and disorder in the County. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

### **3. Health and Safety**

- 3.1 Design risk assessments, pre-construction health & safety information and a Health & Safety File will be produced in accordance with the Construction Design and Management Regulations for the proposed scheme.

### **4. Climate Change:**

- 4.1. The project will incorporate the following sustainability features:
  - The use of timber from sustainable sources.

**FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTEES:****OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:**

<b>Executive Member &amp; Portfolio</b>	<b>Reason for Consultation</b>	<b>Date Consulted</b>	<b>Response:</b>
Councillor Keith Mans, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services	Portfolio Holder		

**OTHER FORMAL CONSULTEES:**

<b>Member/ Councillor</b>	<b>Reason for Consultation</b>	<b>Date Consulted</b>	<b>Response:</b>
Councillor Rupert Kyrle	Local Member for Botley and Hedge End		