

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Approval to award a contract for construction works at Thomas Knyvett College, Ashford
Divisions Affected:	Spelthorne
Key Decision:	No
Reason Key:	Over £500,000 / Affects two or more Divisions
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Committee decision – Delegation agreed by Cabinet on 31 January 2017. Business case approved by Cabinet on 26 September 2017. Minute ref: 150/17

Summary

On 27 September 2017 the Cabinet agreed to fund the Thomas Knyvett College expansion works to internal alterations of the existing building structures in Ashford. The reasons for this were as follows:

- Being able to meet future demand in school places for secondary school children in the Ashford area.
- Provide 300 school places for Thomas Knyvett College over the next couple of years.
- Improve the existing facilities at the school by utilising existing space.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Property Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Education, Head of Procurement and Section 151 Officer for awarding the contract for the expansion programme.

On 9 January 2018 the Sourcing Governance Board (Finance, Legal and Procurement) approved the recommendation to award the contract for the construction works at Thomas Knyvett College.

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It was agreed that following a competitive tender, the contract for the construction of works at Thomas Knyvett College is to be awarded to Lakehouse.

Reasons for Decision:

- Providing a compliant programme that will deliver the works on schedule.
- The contractor demonstrated the best quality response and commercial response out of all the contractors who tendered.

Decision taken by:

John Stebbings, Chief Property Officer

Decision taken on:	06 February 2018
To be implemented on:	TBC

Summary of any financial implications

Following a competitive tender exercise in November/December 2017, the successful tenderer submitted a revised bid for the main construction works which is recommended to be accepted.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None.

Consultation/Process Followed

The Chief Property Officer has consulted the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Education, Section 151 Officer and Head of Procurement. Formal agreement to the proposed decision was given in writing by each on the following dates:

- Leader of the Council (David Hodge CBE) on 05/02/18
- Cabinet Member for Education (Mary Lewis) on 06/02/18
- Chief Property Officer (John Stebbings) on 29/01/18
- Deputy Section 151 Officer (Kevin Kilburn) on 05/02/18
- (Acting) Assistant Director for Procurement (Ross Duguid) on 19/01/18

Background Documents

Exempt:

None