

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION TAKEN BY AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OR OFFICER

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1. Description of decision

To approve the acceptance of a £25,000 grant and authorise that it be spent at Hastingsbury Business & Enterprise College in accordance with the details in this report.

2. Date of decision

15 November 2010

3. Reasons for decision

Acceptance of the grant would provide **£25,000** to Children's Services to provide Hastingsbury Upper School with renewed facilities and equipment with regard to their Sport Specialist School status.

4. Alternatives considered and rejected

None – This funding has been paid as part of the standards fund grant and is ring-fenced to support Hastingsbury Business & Enterprise College.

5. How decision is to be funded

This initiative will be funded by the grant and the school is to match fund with eligible sponsorship.

6. Conflicts of interest

		Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (if yes give details and date of dispensation)

The Mayor has been consulted on this decision

Signed David Hodgson Date 15th November 2010

Name of Decision Taker MAYOR DAVE HODGSON

This is a public document. A copy of it must be given to the Head of Members' Services as soon as it is completed.

Date decision published: 17.11.10

Date decision can be implemented if not called in: 25.11.10

Bedford Borough Council – Management Group

Date of Committee : 4 November 2010

Report by Executive Director for Children, Schools and Families

Subject: Standards Fund Grant for £25,000 in relation to the Specialist Redesignation at Hastingsbury Business & Enterprise College

1. Executive Summary

To accept capital grant into Bedford Borough Council's 2010/11 capital budget

2. Recommendation(s)

The Mayor is requested to consider this report and to approve the acceptance of a £25,000 grant and authorise that it be spent at Hastingsbury Business & Enterprise College in accordance with the details in this report.

3. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

To allow the Council to accept the grant of £25,000 from the Department of Education to enable Hastingsbury Business & Enterprise College to renew facilities and equipment in line with the redesignation of the school's Business & Enterprise Specialist status.

4. Key Implications

4.1 Legal Issues

The Council has been advised that it will receive a specific grant of £25,000 from the Department for Education (DFE)

- To provide renewed facilities and equipment
- To improve and sustain relationships with business/employer partners.
- The project will be in line with the schools submitted bid that has been agreed with the DFE.

Confirmation of the school's re designation is provided in the DFE letter of notification attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

4.2 Policy Issues

The proposal is in line with the Council's objectives of raising standards of performance within the schools in the Borough.

4.3 Resource Implications

The grant is ring-fenced and is only available to support the school in the aforementioned activities.

There are no financial implications for the Council

4.4 Risk Implications

Failure to accept the grant will mean that the Council is unable to offer the school the opportunity to renew facilities and equipment.

4.5 Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications relating to this report

4.6 Equality Impact

This activity is exclusively a support or administration function and has no relevance to Bedford Borough Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, promote good relations and eliminate unlawful discrimination.

5. Details

All covered above

6. Summary of Consultations and Outcome

Not applicable

7. Ward Councillor Views

Not applicable for this report

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File Reference: As applicable

Previous Relevant Minute(s): n/a

Background Papers: n/a

Appendices: Appendix A – Letter dated 15 July 2010 from Department for Education (DFE)

22 SEP 2010

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Dear Headteacher

SPECIALIST B&E COLLEGE REDESIGNATION

Your Local Authority has now informed this Department that your school has successfully redesignated as a Specialist B&E College. Funding for the next period of designation will start from 1 September 2010 and will continue until your next point of redesignation in 2012/13.

On behalf of the Specialist Schools Designation Team, we would like to congratulate you and the school on this significant achievement and send our good wishes for success in the years ahead.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Local Authority.

If you should have any queries relating to the funding arrangements please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Ann Nelson
Specialist Schools Designation Team