

BRIEFING REPORT

Contract Award for Modular Units for School Estate Expansion and Condition Works - Education, Participation and Skills



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To award the contract to Portakabin to enable the provision permanent additional classroom facilities for both mainstream and SEND pupils by way of modular buildings to provide suitable solutions faster and more cost effectively than a traditional build, with a turnkey (fully packaged) solution. Contract sum is **£ 2,139,865.00**

2. BACKGROUND

There is currently an acute shortage of SEND places in the City and it's a statutory duty placed on PCC to provide sufficient places. There is also a Mainstream School with severe condition issues in its temporary Foundation Class Room unit, that is life expired and is unfit for purpose. The decision to use a framework to provide an approved system of modular units was agreed as a quick solution to resolve the shortage of pupil places. Portakabin were identified as the modular unit provider through the SWPA Framework.

3. PROPOSED CHANGES AND REASONS

To provide modular expansions to two special schools due to the increased number of SEND pupils requiring special school provision and to replace a foundation unit at a mainstream school which is severely dilapidated and no longer suitable for use as a classroom.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Traditional Design & Build: - Due to time pressures and costs this option was rejected.

Long Term Hire of Temporary Accommodation: - Due to long term hire costs this option was rejected.

Do Nothing: - This option was rejected as PCC would be unable to fulfil their statutory duty of providing suitable school places for pupils in the city.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

SEND pupils would be unable to be educated within the City costs approximately £100,000 per pupil/per year. It would also result in the closure of a mainstream schools Early Years Foundation classroom, due to being life expired and no longer suitable for purpose.

6. TIMESCALES

All works will be carried out by Portakabin on the three sites from August 2023 and will be completed by March 2024.