

EXECUTIVE DECISION BRIEFING NOTE – Riverside School Phase 2 – Provision of additional Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) capacity



This Executive Decision seeks approval to add £161,000 to the Capital Programme, funded from the SEN / high needs grant, to enable SEND capacity at Riverside School to be increased.

This increase in capacity is satellite provision for Mill Ford School.

A previous approval of £150,000 was given to increase SEND capacity at Marlborough and Weston Mill schools, but owing to health, safety and wellbeing issues creating considerable challenges (access / egress and fire safety in particular), this was not undertaken.

As an alternative to creating these places at Marlborough and Weston Mill schools, this project will enable the creation of an additional 30 SEND places at Riverside School.

20 temporary places were created as part of a Phase 1 project in 2024, utilising £7,000 of the approved budget (leaving £143,000 remaining). These temporary places will be made permanent as a result of this project, creating a total of 50 additional SEND places.

The works will need to be completed by September 2025 in time for the 25/26 academic year intake.

The total cost of the project is estimated at £304,000.

The Part 2 business case change request provides further detail on the project including an estimated breakdown of project costs.