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- c.c. All Members of the Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
- c.c. Dan Kennedy – Corporate Director of Residents Services
- c.c. Julie Kelly – Corporate Director of Children’s Services
- c.c. Nikki Wyatt – Residents Services Directorate
- c.c. Gary Binstead – Children’s Services Directorate
- c.c. Ward Councillors for Belmore

**Date:** 16 February 2026

**Non-Key Decision request Form D**

**NEW ALLOCATION & CAPITAL RELEASE OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS 2025/26: GRANGE PARK SCHOOL AMALGAMATION PROJECT – CR 5**

Dear Cabinet Members,

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Tuesday 24 February 2026** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Ryan Dell  
Democratic Services

**Title of Report:** NEW ALLOCATION & CAPITAL RELEASE OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS 2025/26: GRANGE PARK SCHOOL AMALGAMATION PROJECT – CR 5

**Decision made:**

**Reasons for your decision:** (e.g. as stated in report)

**Alternatives considered and rejected:** (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed ..... Date.....

# NEW ALLOCATION & CAPITAL RELEASE OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS 2025/26: GRANGE PARK SCHOOL AMALGAMATION PROJECT - CR 5

<b>Cabinet Member &amp; Portfolio</b>	Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation Councillor Susan O'Brien – Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Dan Kennedy – Corporate Director of Residents Services Julie Kelly – Corporate Director Children Services
<b>Report Author &amp; Directorate</b>	Nikki Wyatt – Residents Services Directorate Gary Binstead – Children's Services Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Capital release requests for approval Appendix B – Details of S106 contribution

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To seek Cabinet Member approval to allocate and release funds from the S106 contribution held at EYL/253/607A towards costs associated with the amalgamation of Grange Park School, as detailed within this report.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>  <b>Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026</b>	This report supports our ambition for residents/ the Council of: An efficient, well-run, digital-enabled council working with partners to deliver services to improve the lives of all our residents  This report supports our commitments to residents of: Thriving, Healthy Households
<b>Financial Cost</b>	This report seeks to allocate £50k from the identified s106 contribution held by the Council towards the scheme outlined in the report.
<b>Select Committee</b>	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
<b>Ward</b>	Belmore

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and & Education:

- 1) Approve the allocation and spend of £50,000 from the S106 contributions held at EYL/253/607A to be used towards improvement works associated with the amalgamation of Grange Park School; and
- 2) Approve the capital release requesting £50,000 towards the works, as outlined in Appendix A to this report.

## **Reasons for recommendations**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the allocation of Section 106 (S106) funds is required to be formally approved by the Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation on a case-by-case basis – and any capital release, in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder. This report requests the approval for the S106 funds held at the case reference detailed in this report to be committed as outlined in this report.

The Local Authority acknowledges that schools undergoing amalgamation may require specific capital investment to modify their facilities specifically as a result of amalgamation. To support this, a capital grant of up to £50,000 is being proposed to contribute towards essential building works, or other capital expenditure directly associated with the amalgamation process.

## **Alternative options considered/ risk management**

The Cabinet Members may agree to fund the scheme and/ or suggest alternative projects to which funds could be allocated within the terms of the relevant legal agreements. If the S106 funds are not allocated to an appropriate scheme, the unspent funds may need to be refunded.

## **Democratic compliance/ previous authority**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation has the delegated authority to allocate funds from S106 planning obligation monies.

Both the Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education, and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth have been consulted and endorse the proposal.

## **Select Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### S106 Planning Obligations

Planning obligations, or S106 agreements, are an established mechanism for mitigating planning effects arising from development proposals. The agreements are usually negotiated within the context of planning applications, between local planning authorities and persons with an interest in the piece of land (owners, leaseholders or developers). They are intended to make development acceptable, which would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms.

Any S106 monies generated from planning agreements must be spent on their intended purpose and that the associated development contributes to the sustainability of the area by addressing the impacts of the development proposals. As a result, expenditure of S106 funds must relate to a specific development and must be in accordance with the corresponding legal agreements. If a contribution is not used for the intended purpose or not spent within the period allocated in the S106 agreement, the monies may need to be returned.

### School Amalgamation Programme

The London Borough of Hillingdon continues to implement a strategic programme aimed at merging separate Infant and Junior Schools to create all-through Primary Schools in line with the

amalgamation policy agreed by Cabinet in October 2022. This initiative is designed to ensure long term financial stability, strengthen educational continuity, streamline operational delivery, and improve pupil outcomes.

Schools undergoing amalgamation may require specific capital investment to modify their facilities specifically as a result of amalgamation. To support this, a capital grant of up to £50,000 is being proposed to contribute towards essential building works, or other capital expenditure directly associated with the amalgamation process for Grange Park school.

Recognising the financial challenges currently faced by schools, the Local Authority is committed to providing targeted support. The proposed funding will help to contribute towards costs which are a direct impact of amalgamating the schools, such as integrated servers, new signage etc, ensuring that educational standards and organisational stability are maintained throughout the transition.

### **Grange Park School:**

Cabinet approved the proposal to amalgamate Grange Park Infant & Nursery School and Grange Park Junior school in April 2025. This process followed the statutory guidance [Making significant changes to maintained schools](#) and [Opening and closing maintained schools](#) and the school has now opened as Grange Park School for pupils aged 3 to 11.

### **Proposed S106 allocation**

This report requests that £50,000 from the s106 education contribution held at case reference EYL/253 /607A and outlined in Appendix B, is allocated and spent towards works associated with the amalgamation of Grange Park Infant and Junior Schools. The funding will enable essential building works, or other capital expenditure directly associated with the amalgamation process for Grange Park school. Table 1 below provides an indicative set of works and costs amounting to £49,943.60. The school will carry out the works and payment will be made to the school as a one-off grant payment following confirmation of the completion of works and copy invoices.

Table 1: Cost Plan

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IT Services for school merger	14,308
Entrance Doors and Alterations	24,279
Signage	6,048
CCTV works	2,724
Reception Hatch	2,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>£49,944</b>

It is considered that the proposed works will enhance the provision at the Grange Park School as a direct result of the amalgamation of Grange Park Infant & Nursery School and Grange Park Junior school, delivering long term viability for the future of the school.

With Grange Park Infant & Nursery School and Grange Park Junior school amalgamating to become Grange Park School. There are now nine pairs of Infant and Junior schools in Hillingdon. It is intended that any future school amalgamations that come forward in line with the policy will also be funded from S106 education contributions where appropriate (or other revenue streams) up to the value of £50,000.

## Financial Implications

### **S106 2025/26 Budget £78k; Previously Released Nil; Capital Release Requested £50k - Appendix A**

The report seeks the allocation and capital release of £50k from the S106 contribution held at EYL/253/607A relating to South Ruislip Library, Plot B, Victoria Road, Ruislip towards the amalgamation of Grange Park Infant & Junior Schools to enable essential building modifications. The schools will carry out the works and payment will be made to the school as a one-off grant payment following confirmation of the completion of works and copy invoices.

The release of £50k will enable the project to progress. The proposals meet the conditions stipulated by the developer in the S106 agreement on the intended use of the S106 contributions.

The remaining £28k of the S106 contribution is subject to the S106 allocation and capital release process.

## RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

### **The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities**

The recommendations will enable external S106 funds to be spent to maximum effect to provide viable improvements for the benefit of local communities.

### **Consultation & Engagement carried out (or required)**

Any decision to initiate consideration of a school amalgamation would constitute the preliminary stage of the formal statutory process involving consultations. Subsequent discussions would only proceed once one or more relevant triggers have been reached, in accordance with the Council's policy and the Department for Education's statutory guidance for maintained schools, [Making significant changes to maintained schools](#) and [Opening and closing maintained schools](#) – or, in the case of academies, [Making significant changes to an academy](#) and [Closure of an academy by mutual agreement](#) following a conversion to academy status of any maintained school (see [Convert to an academy: guide for schools - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)).

## CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance have reviewed this report and concur with the Financial Implications set out above, noting the recommendations to allocate £50k S106 contributions toward improvement works associated with the amalgamation of Grange Park School.

Furthermore, it is noted that Capital Release is sought from the developer contributions to enable the improvement works associated with the amalgamation, with this being in accordance with the planning obligation agreements.

## Legal

Legal Services has considered the content of the Section 106 agreement referred to in this report and concludes that the recommendations presented are consistent with the terms of the respective agreements.

## Capital Release Protocol

The release of all capital funds, and certain revenue funds, held by the Council is to be made by a formal democratic decision. No expenditure can be placed or committed by officers until this formal approval is given by Democratic Services. Release of funds must be for identified projects only and strictly not for the general release of funds for projects to be identified at a later date. No block releases of capital or funding will be allowed, except if authorised by the Leader of the Council in advance to Corporate Finance. The release of funds will only be made if previous Council, Cabinet or Cabinet Member agreement has been given to the project and only if there is an approved budget.

## Comments from other relevant service areas

The scheme has been developed in consultation with relevant service groups as appropriate.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document Adopted July 2008 and amended July 2014.

Department for Education's statutory guidance for maintained schools:

- [Making significant changes to maintained schools](#)
- [Opening and closing maintained schools](#)

Department for Education's guidance in the case of academies:

- [Making significant changes to an academy](#)
- [Closure of an academy by mutual agreement](#)
- [Convert to an academy: guide for schools - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

## TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A –Capital release request

Appendix B – Details of S106 contribution to be allocated

## APPENDIX A - CAPITAL RELEASE REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

### S106 Capital Release 2025/26: Capital Funding for Amalgamated Schools – Grange Park School CR 5

Location	Project/ Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000's	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Grange Park School	Capital Funding for Amalgamated Schools	Contribution towards capital expenditure related to the amalgamation of Grange Park Infant & Nursery School and Grange Park Junior school	50			
<b>Total seeking release</b>			<b>50</b>			
<b>Previously released</b>			<b>0</b>			
<b>Budget</b>			<b>78</b>			
<b>Remaining budget</b>			<b>28</b>			

## APPENDIX B - DETAILS OF S106 CONTRIBUTION TO BE ALLOCATED

CASE REF.	WARD	SCHEME / PLANNING REFERENCE	PROPOSED ALLOCATION	SCHEME	COMMENTS
EYL/253/607A	South Ruislip	South Ruislip Library, Plot B, Victoria Road, Ruislip 67080/APP/2012/2973	50,000.00	Grange Park School amalgamation	Funds received as the Education Contribution towards the costs of additional and/or improved educational facilities within the Borough of Hillingdon. No time limit for spend.