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c.c. All Members of the Residents' Services 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
c.c. Gary Binstead, Children's Services
c.c. Ward Councillors for Harefield Village

Date: 29 June 2026

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

NEW ALLOCATION & CAPITAL RELEASE OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS 2026/27: PRIMARY SCHOOLS AMALGAMATION PROJECT - HAREFIELD SCHOOLS - CR 2

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 07 July 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.

Liz Penny
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: New Allocation & Capital Release of S106 Contributions 2026/27: Primary Schools Amalgamation Project – Harefield Schools – CR 2

Decision made:

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

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

Signed Date.....

*Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance / Cabinet Member for Adults, Children,
Health & Care*

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Cabinet Member & Portfolio	Cllr Steve Tuckwell – Leader of the Council Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Susan O'Brien – Cabinet Member for Adults, Children, Health & Care
Responsible Officer	Dan Kennedy – Corporate Director of Residents Services Julie Kelly – Corporate Director Children Services
Report Author & Directorate	Nikki Wyatt & Gary Binstead – Residents Services / Children's Services Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A – Capital release requests for approval Appendix B – Details of S106 contributions

HEADLINES

Summary	To seek Cabinet Member approval to allocate and release funds from the S106 contribution held at EYL/253/607A & EYL/245/40K towards costs associated with the amalgamation of Harefield Infant & Junior schools, as detailed within this report
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	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
Financial Cost	This report seeks to allocate £50k from the identified s106 contribution held by the Council towards the scheme outlined in the report.
Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Ward(s)	Harefield Village

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Members:

- 1) **Approve the allocation and spend of £50,000 from the S106 contributions held at EYL/253/607A and EYL/245/40K to be used towards improvement works associated with the amalgamation of Harefield schools; 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 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 has the delegated authority to allocate funds from S106 planning obligation monies.

Both the Cabinet Member for Adults, Children, Health & Care, and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Property have been consulted and endorse the proposal.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. 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.

2. Any S106 monies generated from planning agreements must be spent on their intended purpose and ensure 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.

3. School Amalgamation Programme

4. 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.
5. 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 Harefield schools. The quotes provided by Harefield schools for works directly related to the amalgamation slightly exceeds the maximum grant available, so officers will be applying for the full £50,000.
6. 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.

Harefield schools:

7. Cabinet approved the proposal to amalgamate Harefield Infant School and Harefield Junior school in September 2025. This process followed the statutory guidance [Making significant changes to maintained schools](#) and [Opening and closing maintained schools](#) and the school will open as a primary school for pupils aged 3 to 11 in April 2026.

Proposed S106 allocation

8. This report requests that £50,000 from the s106 education contributions held at case reference EYL/253/607A and EYL/245/40K as outlined in Appendix B, is allocated and spent towards works associated with the amalgamation of Harefield Infant and Junior Schools. The funding will enable essential building works, or other capital expenditure directly associated with the amalgamation process for Harefield schools. Table 1 below provides an indicative set of works and costs amounting to £50,000.00. 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

Description	Amount
IT Services for school merger	3,800
Entrance Doors and Alterations	32,197
Signage	12,715
CCTV works	1,288
Total	£50,000

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

10. With Harefield Infant School and Harefield Junior School amalgamating to become Harefield Infant and Junior School in April 2026 there will be eight 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 2026/27 Budget £276k; Previously Released £50k; Capital Release Requested £50k - Appendix A

The report seeks the allocation and capital release of £50k from two S106 contributions as detailed in the table below: -

S106 Funding Reference	S106 Details	Amount	Time Limit to Spend
EYL/253/607A	South Ruislip Library, Plot B, Victoria Road, Ruislip	27,606.81	N/A
EYL/245/40K	The Old Vinyl Factory, Blyth Road	22,393.19	Feb 2032
Total		50,000.00	

The two S106 contributions are to be used towards the amalgamation of Harefield 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 agreements on the intended use of the S106 contributions.

The remaining £176k of the S106 contribution held at EYL/245/40K 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 recommendation to allocate £50k S106 contributions toward improvement works associated with the amalgamation of Harefield Infant and Junior Schools.

Furthermore, it is noted that Capital Release of the £50k 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 have considered the content of the Section 106 agreements referred to in this report and conclude 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](#)

CAPITAL RELEASE APPENDIX A

S106 Capital Release 2026/27: Capital Funding for Amalgamated Schools – Harefield Schools CR 2

Location	Project/ Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000's	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Harefield schools	Capital Funding for Amalgamate d Schools	Contribution towards capital expenditure related to the amalgamation of Harefield Infant School and Harefield Junior school	50			
Total seeking release			50			
Previously released			50			
Budget			276			
Remaining budget			176			

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	27,606.81	Harefield School amalgamation	£77,550.81 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.
EYL/245/40K	Botwell	The Old Vinyl Factory, Blyth Road, Hayes 59872/APP/2012/1838 & 59872/APP/2013/3775	22,393.19	Harefield School amalgamation	£198,170.11 received as the Phase 3B education contribution towards the provision of education within the authority's area. The funds are to be spent within 7 years of receipt (Feb 2032).
		TOTAL	50,000.00		