

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Malvern Hills Art College
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors S E Geraghty (Chairman), M Bayliss, A I Hardman, M J Hart, A Kent, K May, R J Morris, T Onslow, A C Roberts and M T Rouse.
Date of Decision:	21 July 2022
Purpose:	To consider funding for the purchase of the Malvern Hills Arts and Community College site and to authorise the process for agreeing the terms of the purchase.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) Allocated £0.4 million from the Open for Business reserve as a grant to a third party, Malvern Hills Arts & Community College Limited, in order to enable that Company to purchase the Malvern Hills Community College site on condition that the limited company provides an arts skills programme from the site to meet the need of the community. Funding will be committed in partnership with Malvern Hills District Council and an external funder;</p> <p>(b) Authorised the Strategic Director of Commercial and Change in consultation with the Cabinet Member of Economy Infrastructure and Skills to negotiate and agree security on the property with the other funders in order that the Council is able to reclaim any (or part) of the County Council's investment, should the Malvern Hills Arts & Community College enterprise not be delivered or ceases delivery at a future point; and</p> <p>(c) Authorised the Strategic Director of Commercial and Change in consultation with the Cabinet Member of Economy Infrastructure and Skills to agree Heads of</p>

	Terms with the partners engaged in purchasing the site and building.
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report. To address a skills shortage in the area and help the local community to support Council's corporate plan objectives.
Alternative Options Considered:	None other than set out in the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	28 July 2022

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