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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day & Executive Member for Education Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday 26th March 2024

1. **NORTH WHITELEY NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL**
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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	26 March 2024
Title:	North Whiteley New Secondary School
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Mark Saunders, Senior Strategic Development Officer

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1. The decision

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives permission to consult on the three options outlined in paragraphs 25-27 within this report for the delivery of secondary education in the Whiteley and Fareham areas.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The first Whiteley primary school serving the South Whiteley development was opened in 1997 with 3fe capacity. Two further primary schools will serve the North Whiteley development. Cornerstone CE Primary School, which was relocated from a temporary site and expanded in 2021, opened as 1fe but was built with 3fe capacity. The second primary school at North Whiteley, if required, is anticipated to open after 1700 occupations, currently estimated as 2029 or later, and would be built to accommodate an additional 2fe.

2.2. It is planned to open a new secondary school in September 2027 to serve the whole of the Whiteley area, funded from developer contributions. The new school will initially be built as 6fe with the potential to expand to 8fe should future local demand require. The North Whiteley development and the existing Whiteley area are currently part of The Henry Cort Community College catchment area. The long-term school forecasts suggest that a new 6fe secondary school in Whiteley and the retention of The Henry Cort Community College would lead to a significant surplus of school places across Fareham.

2.3. The three options which will be consulted on are:

2.4. Option 1 - Build North Whiteley Secondary as a new 6fe academy and The Henry Cort Community College remains operational and on its current site but, with a reduced catchment area catering for 4fe (based on remaining feeder school PANs, though primary numbers on roll are falling).

2.5. Option 2 - Build North Whiteley Secondary as a new 6fe academy and The Henry Cort Community College closes. Remaining catchment area jointly

shared between Fareham Academy and Cams Hill School. Further work to understand the potential spare building capacity and any necessary catchment changes will be undertaken once approval is given to consult.

2.6. Option 3 - Relocate The Henry Cort Community College to the new North Whiteley secondary school site – The County Council’s preferred option. A split site arrangement would likely be required in the short term, while the existing year groups filter out of the school, for example, with Years 10 and 11 remaining at The Henry Cort Community College site. Remaining catchment area jointly shared between Fareham Academy and Cams Hill School. As with option 2, further work to understand the potential spare building capacity and any necessary catchment changes will be undertaken once approval is given to consult.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Do nothing - it is concluded that this is not an appropriate option. The new North Whiteley secondary school is required to meet the demand from the development, but it is likely to create surplus places in Fareham. Consultation on the three options is needed to mitigate the impact of the new school and ensure the appropriate distribution of secondary school places across Whiteley and Fareham.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not Applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker: None

Approved by: ----- Councillor Edward Heron Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services	Date: 26 March 2024
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Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	26 March 2024
Title:	Proposal to Enter into an Agreement with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Kieran Lyons

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Children's Services authorises the Director of Children's Services to enter into an agreement with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 to jointly operate a residential children's home for children with complex needs and behaviours. The Section 75 Agreement will provide for Joint Commissioning, Integrated Management and the establishment of a Pooled Fund.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to enter into an agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Section 75 Agreement will enable us to operate a multi-agency integrated residential children's home providing care for children with significant mental health, emotional, and behavioural needs, and who typically or often require a high level of support to maintain their safety and placement stability. The home will be supported by both social care and health staff managed by the County Council.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not applicable

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not Applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker: None

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

26 March 2024

Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	26 March 2024
Title:	The Future of Ampfield Church of England Primary School
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Mark Saunders, Senior Strategic Development Officer

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1. The decision

1.1. That approval is given under Section 15 of the Education & Inspections Act 2006 for the closure of Ampfield Church of England (Aided) Primary School with effect from 31 August 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. A reduction in the birth rate nationally together with low levels of housing developments within the Ampfield catchment area has led to falling school numbers on roll.

2.2. Running one class across three (KS1) or four (KS2) year groups, as is necessary currently to teach the 20 children on roll, impacts on the breadth of curriculum that can be offered at the school.

2.3. The forecast which derives from birth and vaccination data shared by the NHS, suggests that there are a maximum of six pupils living in the catchment of the school over the next five years and historic patterns suggest that not all parents living in catchment will choose to send their child to the school.

2.4. The closure of Ampfield Church of England Primary School can be mitigated by the proposed relocation of pupils on roll in years 1-6 in September 2024 to John Keble Church of England Primary School if parents wish to have their children educated at that school.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Do nothing - it is concluded that the closure of Ampfield Church of England Primary School provides the best opportunity to stabilise the educational offer for children in Ampfield.

3.2. Academy conversion - It was concluded that the low number of families living in catchment and the low number of families making a preference for the school mean that concerns around the provision of education and the national

curriculum would not be solved by conversion to an academy. It is also highly unlikely that a suitable sponsor could be found due to the low pupil numbers and on-going financial position of the school.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not Applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker: None

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

26 March 2024

Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	26 March 2024
Title:	West of Waterlooville 2nd Primary School, Waterlooville
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Colin Jackson, Senior Delivery Manager

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Education gives approval to spend £11,400,000 on the project proposals for the second new West of Waterlooville Primary School.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The proposed new school is required to meet the anticipated demand for primary school places arising from the remaining new homes to be built on the Berewood development to the west of Waterlooville. The school will supplement the primary school places for the Berewood and Old Park Farm developments already provided for by Berewood Primary School that opened in 2014.

2.2. The new West of Waterlooville 2nd Primary School will provide primary education for up to 315 children agreed between 4 and 11 years old, together with a resource provision for 8 pupils with special education needs.

2.3. The project was included in the Children's Services Capital Programme approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 19 January 2024 with a budget of £11,400,000.

2.4. Planning permission for the school was granted by the County Council's Regulatory Committee on 18 October 2023.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not applicable

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not Applicable

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** Not Applicable

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not Applicable

7. **Statement from the Decision Maker:** None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

26 March 2024

Item 5

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	26 March 2024
Title:	Alderwood School (Senior Site), Aldershot
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: John Cantwell, Senior Delivery Manager

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Education grants spend approval to the project proposals for Alderwood School (senior site) at the total cost of £13,500,000, conditional upon planning permission being secured.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The proposed project will extend the school by 2 forms of entry (FE) providing an additional 300 pupil places, increasing the school's capacity to 1,150 places (8FE) to meet the secondary school pupil place demand arising from the Aldershot Urban Extension residential development.

2.2. The project is included in the Children Services Capital Programme, approved at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 19 January 2024 with a budget of £13,500,000.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A new building to the southeast of the site was discounted due to the location being within a Flood Zone.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not Applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker: None

Approved by:

Date:

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Steve Forster**

26 March 2024

Item 6

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	26 March 2024
Title:	Additional Specialist Provision
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Emma Steele, County Education Manager (Inclusion)

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to the following proposal published by Hampshire County Council under Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006: to make a prescribed alteration to Riverside Community Special School, Waterlooville (category of school: Special) to expand from 137 places to 149 places utilising surplus accommodation at Mill Hill Primary School, Waterlooville, with effect from 15 April 2024.
- 1.2. To approve publication of statutory Public Notices for the proposed expansions of Shepherds Down School, Winchester, from September 2024 and, Samuel Cody School, Farnborough, from September 2024.
- 1.3. That a report is brought back to a future Executive Member for Education decision day following the statutory consultation period for final approval for the proposed expansions of Shepherds Down School, Winchester and Samuel Cody School, Farnborough.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to provide school places for all children, including those who have special educational needs and/or a disability. The County Council is committed to further developing successful provision to meet this demand within the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) sector.
- 2.2. The proposed additional SEND provision will help manage some of the school place pressures generated by the increase in the number of Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by the Local Authority.
- 2.3. The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire Schools has led to an increase in placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). These proposals aim to build on good quality Hampshire school provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their local

area. This will reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon independent and non-maintained provision (INMSS) and will aim to keep pupils as close to the home community as possible.

2.4. All Local authorities have a duty to promote sustainable and active travel to school. Hampshire is made up of diverse urban and rural communities and causes long travel times for already vulnerable children. However, having these proposals create closer local provision therefore minimising school transport costs and its use.

2.5. The creation of much wanted specialist placements to give children and young people the support they need. Serving Hampshire's Residents - Strategic Plan 2021 to 2025.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/corporatestrategy>

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Independent Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) placements at a much higher cost and at greater pressure on the DSG HN block and school transport costs.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not Applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker: None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

26 March 2024