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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Member for Education and Skills Decision Day held remotely on Wednesday, 24th February, 2021

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education and Skills
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	School term and holiday dates for 2022/23
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Education and Skills approves the school term and holiday dates that are supported by representative members of Hampshire County Council's (HCC) Conditions of Service Working Party (CoSWoP) and are set out in Appendix 2 of the report, for the school year 2022/23.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. It is a duty of the Council, under section 32 of the Education Act 2002, to set the school year for its voluntary controlled and community schools.

2.2. It is a duty of the Council, under section 32 of the Education Act 2002, to set the school year for its voluntary controlled and community schools.

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: none

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Roz Chadd
Executive Member for Education and Skills**

24 February 2021

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education and Skills
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	Proposal to move to a SEN Banding Framework for Education, Health and Care Plans' (EHCP) top-up funding
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Education and Skills notes that:

- the proposed Banding Framework, in combination with the separately published guidance about SEN support in mainstream schools, is intended to enhance outcomes for children and young people by enabling access to a broader range of support and promote a young person's independence.
- this proposal aims to bring the funding in line with best practice that schools have adopted.
- this system moves away from hours of learning support assistance and assigns funding against a broad range of best practice provisions that matches specific types and levels of need.
- based on the financial modelling completed, the impact of this change on a school's budget would not be significant. Individual mainstream schools would retain the flexibility to pool and draw on their overall budgets and would continue to be legally required to use their best endeavours to provide for all children and young people's SEN including those who are subject to an Education, Health and Care plan. Similarly, the County Council would maintain its ultimate duty to secure the provision in EHC plans. The proposal is not intended, or expected, to lead to a reduction in the High Needs budget used to fund top-funding for EHC plans in mainstream schools.
- from public consultation, overall, respondents prefer the proposed banding mechanism to the existing funding mechanism and the majority also agree with the proposed bands that could be applied. Perceived strengths of the approach included potential improvements to the range of provision to support children with SEN, the potential to help them become more independent and the greater simplicity for service users' families.

1.2. That the Executive Member for Education and Skills approves the proposal to move to a SEN Banding Framework.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. That the proposed Banding Framework, in combination with the separately published guidance about SEN support in mainstream schools, will enhance outcomes for children and young people by enabling access to a broader range of support and promote a young person's independence.
- 2.2. That this proposal brings the funding in line with best practice that schools have adopted.
- 2.3. That this system moves away from hours of learning support assistance and assigns funding against a broad range of best practice provisions that matches specific types and levels of need.
- 2.4. That based on the financial modelling completed, the impact of this change on a school's budget would not be significant. Individual mainstream schools would retain the flexibility to pool and draw on their overall budgets and would continue to be legally required to use their best endeavours to provide for all children and young people's SEN including those who are subject to an EHC plan. Similarly, the County Council would maintain its ultimate duty to secure the provision in EHC plans.
- 2.5. That from public consultation, overall, respondents prefer the proposed banding mechanism to the existing funding mechanism and the majority also agree with the proposed bands that could be applied. Perceived strengths of the approach included potential improvements to the range of provision to support children with SEN, the potential to help them become more independent and the greater simplicity for service users' families.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing – retain current funding mechanism.

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: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

In reaching this decision I have taking into consideration written comments received from Hampshire Parent Carer Network.

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Roz Chadd
Executive Member for Education and Skills**

24 February 2021

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Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education and Skills
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	Enlargement of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College and Icknield School
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1 That approval be given to the following proposals; published by Hampshire County Council under Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006:

- **To make a prescribed alteration to Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Ballantyne Road, Farnborough (category of school: Special) to expand from 205 places to 295 places and to change the designation to include pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs with effect from 1 September 2022**
- **To make a prescribed alteration to Icknield School, River Way, Andover (category of school: Special) to expand from 78 places to 88 places with effect from 1 September 2022**

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.2 This report provides feedback on the two statutory public notice periods in relation to the proposed expansions of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Farnborough and Icknield School, Andover.

2.3 Two separate public notices outlining the proposed increase in capacities and change of designation at the Schools were published on Friday 15 January 2021 for four weeks. No comments or objections were received.

2.4 The reason for making this decision is that this will provide additional capacity for children with special needs within the school catchment areas where a shortfall has been identified.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Not to approve the proposal would mean that there are insufficient school places available in the school to meet the demand from the local area.

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: None

5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

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

7 Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Roz Chadd
Executive Member for Education and Skills**

24 February 2021

Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education and Skills
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	Expansion of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

Contact names:	Steve Clow and Bob Wallbridge		
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1. The Decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Education and Skills, grants spend approval to the project proposals for the expansion of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College at a cost of £13,500,000.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College is a special needs school that currently provides education for up to 205 children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) aged 4-16 years.
- 2.2 This proposal expands the current provision with a new facility for 90 children aged 10-16 years with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs, as an integral part of the Samuel Cody campus. The new facility is required to meet the future demand for places for pupils with SEMH needs and will reduce the need to place pupils in independent and out-of-county provisions. It will also reduce transport costs by providing the school places closer to the area of need.
- 2.3 The proposed new SEMH facility is a 2-storey building with external play, teaching and therapy areas, sports pitches, access road, parking and drop off.
- 2.4 A planning application was submitted in January 2021 and the new facility is planned to open in phases from September 2022

2.5 The design for the proposed new school building is based on the layout of the successful Austen Academy, Basingstoke, a special needs school recently completed by the County Council's Property Services team. This will deliver significant time efficiencies required to deliver the school as quickly as possible by adopting a similar design approach and working with the same contractor procured through the Department for Education (DfE) Construction Framework. Knowledge and learning from the Austen Academy project will be transferred onto this construction to deliver the project in a shorter timescale than is usual.

2.6 An Enabling Works contract is proposed to address the particular drainage and ground works conditions on this site ahead of the main works. This will ensure an early start of the construction works on site to enable the new facility to open in phases from September 2022.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Alternative bids were received and evaluated but were unsuccessful.

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: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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