

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education & Skills, Human Resources and Performance
Date:	8 May 2019
Title:	Proposed Opening of Resource Provision for pupils with complex social, emotional and mental health difficulties at Crestwood School
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Education and Skills, Human Resources and Performance approves that a Resource Provision for up to 14 children with social, emotional and mental health difficulties formally opens at Crestwood School on 1 June 2019.

2. Reason(s) 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. As outlined in the "SEN places strategy" there is a gap in provision in the Eastleigh and Winchester area for secondary age children who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties and who require a modified school environment and some adaptations to the curriculum but can still access a mainstream school.
- 2.2. Informal consultation on the proposed opening of the Resourced Provision took place between 21 November and 19 December 2018 and one positive response was received. The Public Notice was published in March and the consultation ended on 29 March 2019 (Appendix A of the report). No objections have been received.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to approve the proposal would mean that there would remain insufficient places for children with complex social and emotional mental health needs in 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:

8 May 2019

**Councillor Stephen Reid
Executive Member for Education & Skills, Human
Resources and Performance**