

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	17 January 2020
Title:	Robert May's School, Odiham – Additional Land
Report From:	Director of Culture, Community and Business Services

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1. The decisions:

- 1.1 That approval be given to acquire all third party interests and any necessary rights in an area of approximately 2.8 hectare (6.9 acres) of land shown on plan A/02/573, for playing field use for Robert May's School, Odiham (the Scheme), subject to potential amendment to the extent of land to be acquired as set out in the report, on detailed terms and conditions to be settled by the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Assistant Director – Property and Facilities).
- 1.2 That, in order to ensure the delivery of the Scheme in a timely manner, authority be given to the making of a compulsory purchase order in respect of an area of approximately 2.02 hectare (5.0 acre) of land as shown on plan A/02/573, to run in parallel with negotiations to acquire all third-party interests in land and any necessary rights by agreement.
- 1.3 That delegated authority is given to the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Assistant Director – Property and Facilities) to amend the scope of land required for the delivery of the Scheme, as shown on plan A/02/573, on the basis that it will not be extended but could be revised or minimised.
- 1.4 That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services, the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services and the head of Legal Service to progress any appropriate Orders, Notices and Statutory procedures and obtain any consents, rights or easements that are necessary for the Scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The provision of additional playing field facilities for Robert May's School, which has a shortfall compared to national guidelines for such a 9 form entry secondary school, by means of the acquisition of additional land and the making of a compulsory purchase order.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 An option study has been produced in respect of the expansion of the school's playing field capacity. It is considered that the most suitable land to expand the school's playing field comprises an adjoining presently unmanaged area of open land on the eastern side of the school site, known as Bufton field. Planning permission has previously been obtained for the playing field use of the land and a new planning application is being submitted including updated proposals. It is considered that these proposals are in accordance with planning policy and there is no reason why they should not be granted permission.

4. Conflicts of interest:

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor Keith Mans**

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