

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on two statutory public notice periods in relation to the proposed expansions of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Farnborough and Icknield School, Andover and to obtain final approval for both of these projects to proceed.

Recommendations

2. 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**

Executive Summary

Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Farnborough

3. Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College is a Moderate Learning Disabilities (MLD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) designated school with an Agreed Pupil Number (APN) of 205. Due to the urgent need to provide additional specialist provision for Social Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH)

pupils, it is proposed to expand Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College from 205 to 295 places and change its designation to include SEMH. To achieve this, it is proposed to establish a specialist 90-place co-educational facility on the eastern part of the school site for SEMH pupils aged 10-16 years.

4. The SEMH facility would be separate from the existing MLD/ASD provision but would operate under the governance and leadership of the College as a separate facility on the site. There would also be a dedicated area for drop off and pick up.
5. A public consultation was held from 12 November to 24 December 2020 and a report taken to Children's Services Decision Day on 13 January 2021. Approval was given to enter into the statutory consultation period through the publication of public notices.
6. A public notice outlining the expansion and change of designation to Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College was published on 15 January 2021. The department received no requests for complete proposals and no comments regarding the proposal. No objections were received.
7. A copy of the Public Notice is appended (Appendix 1). The County Council complied with all statutory requirements relating to the publication of the Public Notice.

Icknield School. Andover

8. Icknield School, Andover is a school for pupils aged 5 -19 with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). A scheme has been developed to significantly improve and remodel the internal spaces and provide a small extension to provide 10 additional places allowing the APN at Icknield School to increase from 78 to 88 places.
9. A public consultation was held from 12 November to 14 December 2020 and report taken to Children's Services Decision Day on 13 January 2021. Approval was given to enter into the statutory consultation period through the publication of public notices.
10. A public notice outlining the expansion to Icknield School was published on 15 January 2021. The department received no requests for complete proposals and no comments regarding the proposal. No objections were received.
11. A copy of the Public Notice is appended (Appendix 2). The County Council complied with all statutory requirements relating to the publication of the Public Notice.

Conclusion

12. The County Council believes that the enlargement and change of designation of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College and the enlargement of Icknield School as detailed above are necessary in order to meet the County Council's statutory duty for children with SEND.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	Yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme update		11 November 2020
Enlargement of Icknield School and Samuel Cody School		13 January 2021
Children's Services Capital Programme Report		13 January 2021
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

- Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- Equalities Impact Assessment:

Equality and diversity objectives will be considered on an individual project basis by conducting Equality Impact Assessments and are not considered at this stage or within this report.



SAMUEL CODY SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE, FARNBOROUGH – CAPACITY INCREASE AND CHANGE OF DESIGNATION

1. **Notice is hereby given**, in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Hampshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to SAMUEL CODY SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE, Ballantyne Road, Farnborough, GU14 8SS (category of school – special) by increasing the physical capacity and altering the designation of the school with effect from 1 September 2022.
2. Hampshire County Council is aware that over recent years there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of requests for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). Due to the urgent need to provide additional specialist provision for pupils with Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) needs, it is proposed to change the designation of the school to also include pupils with SEMH needs. It is therefore proposed to establish a specialist 90-place co-educational facility on the eastern part of the school site for SEMH pupils aged 10-16 years.
3. The current capacity of Samuel Cody Sports College, Farnborough is for 205 pupils aged 4-16 years with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The increase in capacity of an additional 90 pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH) will take effect from 1 September 2022, with the expansion phased over 3 years.
4. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal may be obtained from Claire Campling, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG; e-mail: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk
5. Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Claire Campling, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG; e-mail: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk

Dated: 15 January 2021

John Coughlan CBE
Chief Executive



ICKNIELD SCHOOL, ANDOVER – CAPACITY INCREASE

1. Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Hampshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to ICKNIELD SCHOOL, River Way, Andover, SP11 6LT (category of schools – Special) by increasing the capacity of the school, with effect from 1 September 2022.
2. Icknield School currently has an Agreed Pupil Number (APN) of 78. It is proposed to increase the capacity of the school by adding an additional 10 places. This will give a final overall capacity of 88 places at Icknield School currently.
3. To accommodate the increased number of places, it is proposed that remodelling and refurbishment works, including a small expansion, will be undertaken on site at Icknield School. The works will provide additional internal teaching accommodation to enable more children to attend the school. The total estimated capital cost of the proposal is £2,500,000.
4. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal may be obtained from Christine Jones, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG; 03707 795312; e-mail: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk
5. Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Christine Jones, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG; 03707 795312; e-mail: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk

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