

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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

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

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