

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	23 March 2022
Title:	The Future of Hatherden Church of England (Aided) Primary School
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the publication of a Public Notice be approved to close Hatherden Church of England (Aided) Primary School with effect from 31 August 2022.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. Hatherden Church of England (Aided) School received an "Inadequate" Ofsted judgement in July 2019 and an academy order was served on the school by the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) on 25 September 2019. Despite the RSC trying to find an academy sponsor since that time no sponsor has been able to be found.

2.2. Discussions have been held with the RSC and Diocese about the future of the school and it was collectively agreed that a consultation process around the closure of the school should be held.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Specific discussions have taken place with the RSC about the potential of federation with another local school, however, the RSC has determined that this is not an option, and the academy order must remain in place.

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: N/A

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A

5. Statement from the decision maker: N/A

Approved by:

Date:

23 March 2022

**Councillor Roz Chadd
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**