

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	5 December 2017
Title:	Robert Mays School, Odiham - Additional Land
Report From:	Director of Culture, Community and Business Services
(Summary of an Exempt Decision)	

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves:

- 1.1. The proposal to make a compulsory purchase order under Section 530 of the Education Act 1996 to acquire an area of approximately 2.8 ha (6.9 acres) of land shown on plan A/02/573, for playing field use for Robert May's School, Odiham, subject to potential amendment to the extent of land to be acquired as set out in the report.
- 1.2. The proposal that the site of the former school caretaker's bungalow, now incorporated into the operational school site, be transferred at nil consideration to the Robert May's School Trustees.
- 1.3. That the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Strategic Manager – Assets and Development) be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The school is an academy serving a large rural area of Hart including Hook and Odiham, with capacity for 1,200 students. Arrangements are being made to expand capacity to 1,350 from September 2019, to meet the forecast increase from the catchment. The existing school site is currently undersized compared to DfE guidelines and there is a need to acquire additional land suitable for playing field use to meet both the existing and the planned increase in school capacity.
- 2.2. As part of current works to accommodate the expansion in student numbers, the school caretaker's bungalow has been removed and its site incorporated with in the operational school site. The school site, excluding the playing field, is held by School Trustees. Accordingly, as this land is not be part of

the school playing field, it is appropriate to transfer this area of approximately 0.09 ha (0.2 acre) to the School Trustees who hold the adjoining site.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of seeking a detached off-site playing field is rejected, in view of the additional teaching time and staff costs of using such a facility.
- 3.2. The option of seeking to acquire land on the opposite western side of the existing school site (a core part of a livestock farm) is also rejected, in comparison to the subject land which has planning consent for school use, in view of the greater number and impact of rights of way crossing the land, because the proposed land is unused, open and recently allocated for educational use within the local Neighbourhood Development Plan, and the impact of the loss on the farm.

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: ----- Executive Member for Policy and Resources Councillor Roy Perry	Date: 5 December 2017
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