

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education & Skills, Human Resources and Performance
Date:	22 February 2019
Title:	Proposed Opening of Resource Provision for Pupils with Complex Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Education and Skills, Human Resources and Performance agrees:

- a) That public notices be published, in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, notifying of the intention to make prescribed alterations to Crestwood School, by providing Resourced Provision for up to 14 children with complex social, emotional and mental health difficulties, with effect from June 2019. A public notice will feature information extracted from the full proposal, published as Appendix 2.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to provide school places for all children including those who have special educational needs and or a disability. As outlined in the "SEN places strategy" there is a gap in provision in the Eastleigh and Winchester area for secondary age children who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties and who require a modified school environment and some adaptations to the curriculum but can still access a mainstream school.
- 2.2. Informal consultation on the proposed opening of the Resourced Provision took place between 21 November and 19 December 2018 and one positive response was received.
- 2.3. Since September 2017 the resourced provision for 10 pupils has been operating at Crestwood School as a pilot scheme under the leadership of Cherbourg Primary School which already runs a successful Primary Resourced Provision. This pilot provision has proved extremely successful in improving outcomes for secondary age children and young people (CYP) with SEMH needs and was recently recognised in the school's successful Ofsted Report.

2.4. The Local Authority already has five successful Primary SEMH Resourced Provisions across the county. These provisions offer support for children who have difficulty accessing mainstream education on a full time basis and require additional support to do so. However, with this additional support children with social and emotional needs can successfully overcome their difficulties and learn alongside their peers. This proposed resource provision would provide 14 secondary places.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to approve the proposal would mean that there would remain insufficient places for children with complex social and emotional mental health needs in the local area.

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:

22 February 2019

**Executive Member for Education and Skills, Human
Resources and Performance
Councillor Stephen Reid**