

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Children's Services in consultation with Executive Lead Member for Education
<b>Date:</b>	5 June 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Improving Alternative Provision in Havant
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Education approves that: A Public Notice be published to close The Woodlands Education Centre in Havant from 31 August 2019, and to expand provision at The Key Education Centre in Gosport, utilising the Woodlands site in Havant, with effect from 1 September 2019.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. There is an urgent need to secure good quality alternative provision in the Havant area and a clear need to change the approach, given that provision in the current form has fallen short of expectation for a considerable period of time.
- 2.2. Consultation took place between the 7 May and 4 June 2019. Letters were sent to consultees with drop-in sessions, whereby interested parties could discuss the proposal with officers from Children's Services.

#### 3. Other options previously considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The local authority would close The Woodlands Education Centre and commission places directly from schools. This could place pupils at much greater risks in terms of safeguarding. It would also weaken the LA position regarding the discharge of its own statutory responsibilities.
- 3.2. That Woodlands Education Centre would be sponsored by a strong alternative provision academy sponsor or join a strong multi-academy trust. The LA is unable to identify another strong, local sponsor with a good track record in rapid improvement in a pupil referral unit setting.

#### 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: 5 June 2019**

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