

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Steve Crocker
Title:	Director of Childrens' Services
Reference:	Expansion of Osborne School

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1. The decision:

1.1. That approval be given to the following proposal; published by Hampshire County Council under Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006:

To make a prescribed alteration to OSBORNE SCHOOL, Athelstan Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 7GA (category of schools – Special) by increasing the capacity of the school, with effect from 1 September 2020.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Following local consultation, the County Council published a Public Notice to increase the capacity of Osborne School from an Approved Pupil Number (APN) of 197 to 217 with effect from September 2020 with these additional places being located in new accommodation on the Kings' School site, Winchester.
- 2.2. The Public Notice was published from 15 November to 13 December 2019. No objections were received during this time period.
- 2.3. A copy of the Public Notice is appended. The County Council complied with all statutory requirements relating to the publication of the Public Notice.
- 2.4. In accordance with the procedure approved by Hampshire County Council's Cabinet on 21 May 2007, power to make this decision is delegated to the Director of Children's Services.
- 2.5. The reason for making this decision is that this will provide additional capacity for children with learning difficulties in the Winchester area.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed in relation to increasing the capacity at Osborne School on the Kings' School site. The full Equality Impact Assessment can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/equality/equality-impact-assessment/children-services>

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to approve the proposal would mean that there are insufficient special school places available to meet the demand from within the local area.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

None

Approved by:



Date:

6 January 2020

Steve Crocker
Director of Children's Services



CAPACITY INCREASE OF OSBORNE SCHOOL, BASED AT KINGS' SCHOOL, WINCHESTER

1. Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Hampshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to OSBORNE SCHOOL, Athelstan Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 7GA (category of schools – Special) by increasing the capacity of the school, with effect from 1 September 2020.
2. Osborne School currently has an Agreed Place Number (APN) of 197. It is proposed to increase the capacity of the school by adding an additional 20 places. This will give a final overall capacity of 217 places at Osborne School.
3. To accommodate the increased number of places, it is proposed that new accommodation is provided on the site of Kings' School, Winchester where these pupils access much of their curriculum, managed by Osborne School. The total estimated capital cost of the proposal is £1,200,000.
4. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal may be obtained from Troy Hobbs, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG; 01962 847996; e-mail: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk
5. Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Troy Hobbs, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG; 01962 847996; e-mail: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk

Dated: 15 November 2019

John Coughlan CBE
Chief Executive