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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Wednesday 8th June 2022

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	8 June 2022
Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme Update
Report From:	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the revised capital programme cash limit of £71.791m for 2022/23 be approved.

1.2. That the revised 2022/23 capital programme as set out in Appendix 1 be approved, along with the amendments to the 2022/23 capital programme.

1.3. That the following variations to the 2022/23 capital programme be approved:

- It is recommended DfE grant funding of £0.787m be added to the 2022/23 capital programme to create a new children's home at Hayter House, Romsey.
- It is recommended that resources of £0.7m are allocated from the 2022/23 capital programme for the new nursery provision at Burley Primary School.
- It is recommended that resources of £0.7m are allocated from the 2022/23 capital programme for the new nursery provision at Denmead Junior School, Waterlooville.
- It is recommended that resources of £2.417m (including fees) are allocated from the 2022/23 capital programme for the expansion of Mark Way School, Andover.
- It is recommended that resources of £0.8m be added to the capital programme to create a new nursery provision at Park View Primary, Basingstoke.
- It is recommended that resources of £0.7m are allocated from the 2022/23 capital programme for the new nursery provision at Poulner Infant School, Ringwood.
- It is recommended that resources of £16.961m be added to the capital programme to support SEND priorities.

- It is recommended that resources of £0.506m be added to the 2022/23 capital programme for improvements at Swanwick Lodge.

1.4. It is a recommendation to Cabinet that the uncommitted funding of £18.801m as set out in Appendix 2 be carried forward from 2021/22 to the 2022/23 capital programme.

1.5. It is recommended that approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to determine those sites that require modular buildings for the 2022/23 academic year and that the sites listed in Appendix 3 be noted.

1.6. That the projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 4 are noted.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. This report sets out the updated Children's Services Capital Programme for 2022/23. This report has been prepared in consultation with the Executive Member.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not applicable.

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: Not applicable.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the decision maker: Not applicable.

Approved by:	Date:

Councillor Roz Chadd Executive Lead Member for Children's Services	8 June 2022

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	8 June 2022
Title:	Approval to Spend Request for Special Educational Needs (SEN) Discretionary Payments
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member approves spend against the new SEN discretionary spend framework agreement of up to £109m over 12 years (four years, plus two extension options of four years each).

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The new framework will result in improved outcomes for pupils who have Special Educational Needs.

2.2. The new framework will increase quality assurance and will enable regulatory compliance in a flexible manner.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Other routes to market were considered and rejected. An open framework under light touch regime, provides the greatest flexibility.

3.2. Doing nothing was considered by would result in spend being non-complaint with the Council's Standing Orders.

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: Not applicable.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the decision maker: Not applicable.

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Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	8 June 2022
Title:	Additional Specialist Provision for Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That prescribed alteration to Henry Tyndale School, Farnborough, (category of school: Special) to expand from 153 places to 188 places utilising the former Park Childrens Centre, Aldershot, are made with effect from 1 September 2023.
- 1.2. That a prescribed alterations to Norman Gate School, Andover, (category of school: Special) to expand from 93 places to 105 places are made, with effect from 1 September 2022.
- 1.3. That prescribed alterations to Pinewood Infant School, Farnborough, (category of school: community) to expand from 105 places to 113 places are made, with effect from 1 September 2022.
- 1.4. That approval be given to the following proposals: published by Hampshire County Council under Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006: to make a prescribed alterations to Henry Tyndale School, Norman Gate School, and Pinewood Infant School.

2. Reasons 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. The County Council is committed to further developing successful provision to meet this demand within the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) sector.
- 2.2. The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire Schools has resulted in increased placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). The proposals aim to build on good quality Hampshire school provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their settings. This will reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon independent

and non-maintained provision (INMSS) and will aim to keep pupils as close to their home community as possible.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To not proceed was rejected as Hampshire County Council need the provision, in line with the increased number of Education Health and Care Plans, and the desire to keep children closer to their homes and out of more expensive Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools.

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: Not applicable.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the decision maker:

7.1. I am pleased to approve the recommendations in the associated report. These additional places will go some way to ensuring children with additional educational requirements can access local high quality school places, that meet their needs and represent value for money when compared to the cost of special school places in the independent and non-maintained sector.

Approved by:	Date:
----- Councillor Roz Chadd Executive Lead Member for Children's Services	8 June 2022

Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	8 June 2022
Title:	The Future of Hatherden Church of England (Aided) Primary School, Andover – End of Public Notice Report
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That approval is given under the Education & Inclusion Act 2006, Schedule 2, part 2 paragraph 8 for the closure of 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. Despite these efforts and in a continuing climate of low pupil numbers and, no desire from an academy sponsor to take the school on, the continuing challenges the school face cannot be allowed to continue beyond this academic year.

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 acceptable to them as it is not in line with the policy of the Department for Education 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: Not applicable.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the decision maker:

7.1. Can I take this opportunity to thank all of those who have contributed to this consultation and the commitment they have shown to the school throughout. Given the situation we face in relation to on-going pupil numbers, the RSC /DfE inability to secure an academy sponsor or allow the option of federation to be taken forward this difficult decision to close the school has had to be taken in the best interests of education.

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----- Councillor Roz Chadd Executive Lead Member for Children's Services	8 June 2022