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Executive Decision Records

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Children's Services Procurement – Approval to spend
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Clare Fuller, Head of Sufficiency

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives the approval to spend for the Residential Care placements made under a Framework agreement to up to the value of £327.6M over an 8-year period from 1 October 2024.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to spend for up to £10,000,000 over a 7-year period for the Supported Lodgings Accommodation in Hampshire with a contract start date of 1 June 2024.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to spend for Adoption Support Therapies called off under an open Framework agreement for up to £3,600,000 over a 3-year period with an anticipated start date of 1 April 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Approval to spend which will allow the procurement of frameworks that enable effective call off contracts for the provision of services from suppliers who have bid to join the frameworks; met the minimum service requirements; who have had the appropriate due diligence checks undertaken and signed up to the relevant terms and conditions.
- 2.2. These new frameworks will be compliant with the Public Procurement Regulations (2015), the County Councils Constitution and Contract Standing Orders.
- 2.3. The frameworks will support the sufficiency of supply for the services; Children's Residential Care; Supported Lodgings Accommodation; and Adoption Support Therapies.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Other routes to market were considered and rejected as the proposed frameworks provide the greatest flexibility.
- 3.2. Not undertaking a procurement exercise for these services would result in an increase in 'off contract spend' and would not be compliant with the County Council's Contract 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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

19 January 2024

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Children's Services
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	2024/25 Revenue Budget Report for Children's Services
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Stuart Ashley, Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Children's Services approves for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:
- 1.2. The revised revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1 of the Decision Report.
- 1.3. The summary revenue budget for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 2 of the Decision Report.
- 1.4. Changes to the local schools funding as set out in the Decision Report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This report seeks approval for submission to the Leader and Cabinet of the revised budget for 2023/24 and detailed service budgets for 2024/25 for Children's Services. The report has been prepared in consultation with the Executive Member and will be reviewed by the Children and Young People Select Committee. It will be reported to the Leader and Cabinet on 6 February 2024 to make final recommendations to County Council on 22 February 2024.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The total of the budget proposals in this report are in line with the guidelines set by Cabinet. A budget in excess of the guidelines is not considered affordable and a budget significantly below the guidelines would not enable service objectives to be met. The service objectives and budgets for 2024/25 and future years have been developed in keeping with the County Council priorities.

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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Cllr Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

19 January 2024

Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme 2024/25 – 2026/27
Report From:	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Operations

Contact name: Peter Colenutt, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Growth, Hampshire 2050.

Email: Peter.colenutt@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

- 1.1. To approve submission to the Leader and Cabinet the proposed capital programme for 2024/25 and the provisional capital programme for 2025/26 and 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 1 and the revised capital programme cash limit for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 2 including the transfers between years and carry forward of resources as set out in Table 2.
- 1.2. That the deferral of resources relating to schemes of £2.1m be approved for submission to Cabinet as shown in Table 10 of this report.
- 1.3. That the following variations to the 2023/24 capital programme be approved:
 - That it be recommended that resources of £0.41m be allocated from the 2023/24 capital programme to support the new Riverside School satellite provision at Mill Hill Primary School, Waterlooville.
 - That it be recommended that resources of £0.3m be allocated from the 2023/24 capital programme to support the expansion of Winton Academy.
- 1.4. That it be recommended that approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to determine those sites that require modular buildings for the 2024/25 academic year and that the sites listed in Appendix 3 be approved.
- 1.5. That it is also recommended that approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to allocate £1.1m of identified Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) revenue funding to support the short-term hire and relocation of existing modular buildings. It is also recommended that approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to allocate £2m of Basic Need Grant to those sites that have been determined as requiring the purchase of new modular buildings.

- 1.6. That it be recommended that approval is given to the Director of Children Services in discussion with the Executive Lead Member for Childrens Services to undertake all required consultations linked to the projects listed in this report.
- 1.7. That the Access Improvements in Schools projects identified in Appendix 4 be approved.
- 1.8. That the projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 5 are noted.
- 1.9. That School Places Plan at Appendix 6 be noted.
- 1.10. That the School Suitability Programme Projects identified in Appendix 7 be approved.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This report sets out the updated Children's Services Capital Programme for 2024/25 – 2026/27. This report has been prepared in consultations for this decision being made, including any links to the Strategic Plan.

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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Councillor Edward Heron

19 January 2024

Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	The Future of Ampfield Church of England Primary School
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name Mark Saunders, Senior Strategic Development Officer

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval is given to the publication of a Public Notice to close Ampfield Church of England Primary School with effect from 31 August 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. A reduction in the birth rate nationally together with low levels of housing developments within the Ampfield catchment area has led to falling school rolls.
- 2.2. Running one class across three (KS1) or four (KS2) year groups, as is necessary currently to teach the 26 children on roll, impacts on the breadth of curriculum that can be offered at the school.
- 2.3. The forecast which derives from birth and vaccination data shared by the NHS, suggests that there are a maximum of six pupils living in the catchment of the school over the next five years and historic patterns suggest that not all parents living in catchment will choose to send their child to the school.
- 2.4. The closure of Ampfield Church of England Primary School can be mitigated by the proposed relocation of pupils on roll in years 1-6 in September 2024 to John Keble Church of England Primary School if parents wish to have their children educated at that school.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing - it is concluded that the closure of Ampfield Church of England Primary School provides the best opportunity to stabilise the educational offer for children in Ampfield.
- 3.2. Academy conversion - It was concluded that the low number of families living in catchment and the low number of families making a preference for the school mean that concerns around the provision of education and the national

curriculum would not be solved by conversion to an academy. It is also highly unlikely that a suitable sponsor could be found due to the low pupil numbers and on-going financial position of the school.

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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

Cllr Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

19 January 2024

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Proposed Changes to the School Transport Policy
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Jon Bramley, Head of School Transport

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

1.2. Gives approval to the recommended changes to the School Transport Policy (the Policy). The recommended changes are:

1.3. **Recommendation 1** - To update the Policy to reflect the following proposal:
For Personal Transport Budgets (PTB) to be available to families where a child or young person's needs or circumstances mean that suitable transport is difficult to find, or not available at all, in the local operator market.

1.4. **Recommendation 2** - To update the Policy to reflect the following proposal:
To allow for development and delivery of an Independent Travel Training service for children and young people with SEND who may be capable of travelling independently to their place of education.

1.5. **Recommendation 3** - To update the Policy to reflect the following proposal:
The require the regular review of the provision of Passenger Assistants.

1.6. **Recommendation 4** - To update the Policy to reflect the following proposal:
To increase the level of contribution to discretionary school transport arrangements (where parents are required to make a financial contribution) in line with inflation (Consumer Price Index) from September 2024 and inflation-linked increases applied in future years.

1.7. **Recommendation 5** – To update the County Council's School Transport Policy to reflect the current Department of Education statutory guidance on travel to school for children of compulsory school age.

1.8. All changes would be reflected within the revised School Transport Policy as of February 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The proposed changes to policy would enable the County Council to be better able to provide flexible transport arrangements for children and young people that respond to changing needs, demand and external market pressures, as well as updating the policy to refresh it and bring it up to date.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Statutory guidance states that local authorities should consult on proposed changes to Policy and therefore, no alternatives to a public consultation have been considered.

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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

19 January 2024

Item 6

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Proposed Changes to Post 16 Transport Policy
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Jon Bramley, Head of School Transport

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the Post 16 Transport Policy 2024 provided in Appendix B.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Post 16 Transport Policy recommended for approval provides details of the service available to eligible Post 16 students and enables Hampshire County Council to continue to meet its statutory requirements.
- 2.2. The changes would enable the County Council to continue the provision of transport, or otherwise that the County Council considers necessary, to make to facilitate the attendance of all persons of sixth form age receiving education or training. The changes would ensure that the proportion of parental contributions rise in line with the increase in line with Customer Price Index and improve the clarity of the Policy wording.

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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

19 January 2024

Item 7

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Annual Report 2022-23
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Justine Ball, County Subject Inspector

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Education notes the contents of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education's Annual Report 2022-2023.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. SACRE has a duty to provide a report on its activities each year. This report is provided to the National Association of SACREs, the Department for Education and Ofsted alongside the Children's Services Directorate's management team and the authorities' Councillors.

2.2. The Annual Report detailing SACRE's work in 2022/2023 was agreed by SACRE at its meeting on 7 November 2023 and is attached as Appendix 1 of the report.

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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

Counsellor Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

19 January 2024

Item 8

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Perins School - Additional SEMH Resourced Provision
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Sara Carey, Inclusion Commissioning Manager

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That there is agreement to the proposed work for the establishment of a resourced provision (RP) run by Perins School, Arlesford creating fifteen additional places for children and young people with social emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs from September 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Ensures that Children and Young People stay and are educated within their local communities. [SEND Review - right support, right place, right time \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- 2.2. Most economically advantageous.
- 2.3. Less pressure on both the home to school transport costs and the Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs block (DSG HN).
- 2.4. The creation of much wanted specialist placements to give the Children and Young People the support they need. Serving Hampshire's Residents - Strategic Plan 2021 to 2025.
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/corporatestrategy>

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Independent Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) placements at a much higher cost and at greater pressure on the DSG HN block and home to school transport costs.

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: Not Applicable

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:** None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

19 January 2024

Item 9

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Cams Hill School - Additional SEMH Resourced Provision
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Sara Carey, Inclusion Commissioning Manager

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That there is agreement to the proposed work for the establishment of a resourced provision (RP) run by Cams Hill School, Fareham. The provision will create fifteen additional places for children and young people with social emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs from September 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Ensures that Children and Young People stay and are educated within their local communities. [SEND Review - right support, right place, right time \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachmentatachment_data/attachment_data/file/100000/SEND_Review_-_right_support_right_place_right_time.pdf)
- 2.2. Most economically advantageous.
- 2.3. Less pressure on both the home to school transport costs and the Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs block (DSG HN).
- 2.4. The creation of much wanted specialist placements to give the Children and Young People the support they need. Serving Hampshire's Residents - Strategic Plan 2021 to 2025. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/corporatestrategy>

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Independent Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) placements at a much higher cost and at greater pressure on the DSG HN block and home to school transport costs.

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: Not Applicable

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:** None

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

19 January 2024

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	19 January 2024
Title:	Aldershot Urban Extension 2nd Primary School, Aldershot
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Colin Jackson, Senior Delivery Manager

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Education gives approval to spend £12,500,000 on the project proposals for the new Aldershot Urban Extension 2nd Primary School, conditional upon planning permission being secured.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The proposed new school is required to meet the anticipated demand for primary school places arising from the remaining new homes to be built on the Wellesley development to the north of Aldershot. The school will supplement the primary school places for the development already provided from the Cambridge Primary School that opened in 2018.
- 2.2. The new Aldershot Urban Extension 2nd Primary School will provide primary education for up to 420 children agreed between 4 and 11 years old, together with a resource provision for 8 pupils with special education needs.
- 2.3. The project was previously included in the Children Services Capital Programme, approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 12 January 2023 with a budget of £10,500,000. An update for the project is included in the Children Services Capital Programme approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 19 January 2024, with additional funding of £2,000,000 and a total budget of £12,500,000.
- 2.4. A planning application was submitted in September 2023 and a decision is anticipated in January 2024. The recommendation is therefore conditional upon planning permission being secured.

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: Not Applicable

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: None

Approved by:

Date:

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Steve Forster**

19 January 2024