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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 & Executive Member for Education Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday 20th February 2024

1. **APPROVAL TO SPEND FOR 2024-2026 WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE PROGRAMME**
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3. **MERTON INFANT SCHOOL AGE RANGE**
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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 20 February 2024 |
| Title: | Approval to Spend for 2024 – 2026 Wraparound Childcare Programme |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

Contact name: Suzanne Smith, Assistant Director - Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to spend up to £5.889m for the Wraparound Childcare Programme for a total period of two years from 2024 to 2026.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the allocation of Wraparound Childcare Programme funds to partner organisations once arrangements have been finalised, up to a maximum of £5.899m, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To meet the Department for Education's wraparound childcare programme objectives in Hampshire.
- 2.2. The wraparound childcare programme will contribute to Hampshire's strategic plan to maintain strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None, funding benefits families across Hampshire.

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**

20 February 2024

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 20 February 2024 |
| Title: | Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022/23 |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

Contact name: Tracey Messer, Childcare Development Service Manager

Email: tracey.messer@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services note the content of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on how the Local Authority complies with its statutory duty to secure sufficient childcare to meet parental need, in accordance with the Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities (2023), and to inform of the new younger years and wraparound requirement for 2024.

2.2. A Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) is completed annually. This report summarises the key findings to maintain and improve childcare sufficiency across Hampshire.

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

20 February 2024

Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 20 February 2024 |
| Title: | Merton Infant School Age Range |
| Report From: | Director of Childrens Services |

Contact name: Tracey Messer, Childcare Development Service Manager

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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.

1.2. To make a prescribed alteration to Merton Infant School, Romsey Close, Basingstoke RG24 9HB to provide nursery provision for up to 26 places for children from 2 years old, with effect from 1 April 2024, with a requirement to consult with the Council prior to any further expansion of places.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The pre-school is a charitable organisation currently run by the Trustees of Merton Pre-School. It has become increasingly difficult to recruit Trustees to the committee leaving the pre-school at risk of closure.

2.2. Merton Infant School proposal is for the Governing Body of the school to take on the management of Merton Pre-School to provide continuity of early years and childcare for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years of age.

2.3. The school is maintained by the Local Authority and the statutory process as outlined in The Making Significant Changes ('prescribed alterations') Maintained Schools has been followed including the necessary period of Public Notice from 17 November 2023 to the 20 December 2023. No objections have been raised.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. No other options 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

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| Approved by: | Date: |
| ----- Councillor Edward Heron Executive Lead Member for Children's Services | 20 February 2023 |

Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 20 February 2024 |
| Title: | Peel Common Infant School and Nursery Unit and Peel Common Junior School – Proposed Amalgamation |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

Contact name: Mark Saunders, Senior Strategic Development Manager

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1. The decision

1.1. That approval is given for the publication of a statutory Public Notice in relation to the proposed amalgamation of Peel Common Infant School and Nursery Unit and Peel Common Junior School with effect from 1 January 2025.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The reduction in pupil numbers has led to significant budget pressures at both the infant and junior schools creating significant difficulties with budget recovery and on-going viability. The proposed amalgamation to form a 1fe primary school on one school site presents a better opportunity for the schools to secure an improved budget position with a more settled pupil number intake and organisational structure.

2.2. As a response to a request from both governing bodies for the Council to consider the schools amalgamating, an informal consultation on the amalgamation of Peel Common Infant and Nursery Unit and Peel Common Junior School.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To take no action and for both schools to continue to operate under current governance arrangements.

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

20 February 2024

Item 5

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Education |
| Date: | 20 February 2024 |
| Title: | ASC Resourced Provision Crookhorn College, Waterlooville |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

Contact name: Sara Carey, Inclusion Commissioning Manager

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That approval be given to consult on the establishment of a resourced provision at Crookhorn College for young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) opening in phases from September 2025.
- 1.2 That a report is brought back to the Executive Member for Education following the public consultation period for final approval.

2 Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 There is a statutory duty to provide school places for all children, including those who have special educational needs and/or a disability.
- 2.2 The lack of sufficient specialist provision for pupils with autistic spectrum condition within Hampshire Schools has led to an increase in placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). The proposal contained within this report aims to build good quality Hampshire specialist provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their local area. This will reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon independent and non-maintained provision (INMSS) and will aim to keep pupils as close to the home community as possible.
- 2.3 Less pressure on both the school transport costs and the Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs block (DSG HN).

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Independent Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) placements at a significantly higher cost together with increased 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

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| Approved by: | Date: |
| ----- Councillor Steve Forster Executive Member for Education | 20 February 2024 |

Item 6

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Education |
| Date: | 20 February 2024 |
| Title: | Determination of 2025/26 Admission Arrangements |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

Contact name: Nick Sadler, Head of Admissions

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Education approve the proposed admission arrangements for the admission rounds for applying for school places in the academic year 2025/26. The admission arrangements have gone through the approved consultation process and have been recommended by Hampshire's Admission Forum and are documented in the:

- Admission policies for community and voluntary controlled (VC) schools set out in Annexes A, B, C, D and E, as well as the school specific criteria listed in Annexe F;
- 2025 published admission numbers (PANs) for community and VC schools set out in Annexes G and H;
- Review of North Waltham Primary School, Hatch Warren Infant and Junior School and Kempshott Infant and Junior School catchments (Annexe I).
- Review of Tweseldown Infant School and Church Crookham Junior School catchments (Annexe J).
- Admission policy for Nursery Units attached to maintained schools (Annexe K).
- Admission policy for Yateley School Sixth Form (Annexe L).
- Co-ordinated scheme for main round admissions 2025-26 (Annexe M).
- Document outlining Hampshire's 'relevant area' (Annexe N).
- Supplementary Information Form for Voluntary Controlled Schools (Annexe O).
- Random Allocation Procedure (Annexe P).

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The School Admissions Code and other legislation directs that a statutory process takes place for the formulation of and determination of admission arrangements. A statutory period of consultation (lasting 6 weeks) with schools, relevant parents, other admission authorities and neighbouring Local Authorities must be carried out, which in Hampshire is advised and

scrutinised by its Admission Forum. The local authority must determine its arrangements for 2025/26 by 28 February 2024.

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 Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

20 February 2024