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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 remotely on Thursday 19th October 2023

1. **PERMISSION TO CONSULT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POST-16 POLICY**
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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Service |
| Date: | 19 October 2023 |
| Title: | Permission to Consult on 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. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:
Gives approval to proceed with a public consultation on the proposed changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy with a further report setting out the findings of the consultation to be presented at a future Executive Member Decision Day, by 31 May 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The changes would enable the County Council to continue provide transport arrangements for Post-16 students, ensure that the proportion of parental contributions rise in line with the increase in overall transport costs and would improve the clarity of the existing Policy.

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: 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 Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

19 October 2023

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Service |
| Date: | 19 October 2023 |
| Title: | Permission to Consult on Proposed Changes to 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:

Gives approval to proceed with a public consultation on the proposed changes to the School Transport Policy with a further report setting out the findings of the consultation to be presented at a future Executive Member Decision Day, likely to be in the first quarter of the 2024 calendar year.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The proposed changes to policy would enable the 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: 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 Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

19 October 2023

Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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|------------------------|---|
| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Education |
| Date: | 19 October 2023 |
| Title: | Additional Specialist Education Provision |
| Report From: | Director for 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 satellite provision for Riverside Community Special School utilising existing accommodation at Mill Hill Primary school from January 2024.
- 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. The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire Schools has led to an increase in placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). This proposal aims to provide additional accessible quality school places for primary pupils with severe learning disabilities, close to their home.
- 2.2 Parental preference and demand for places at Riverside Community Special School far exceeds places available and the main school site cannot cater for additional pupils. This nearby accommodation at Mill Hill Primary is underutilised and could be established as a satellite site for Riverside Community Special School.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Alternative school sites have been reviewed to host this satellite provision but are not proceedable due to safeguarding concerns and significant works required in order to make an appropriate environment.

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 Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

19 October 2023

Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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|------------------------|--|
| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Education |
| Date: | 19 October 2023 |
| Title: | School Term and Holiday Dates for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Education approves the school term and holiday dates that have been consulted upon with all schools and considered by the County Council's Schools Union Group, for the school year 2025/26, with an adjustment to the start date of the autumn term from 1 September 2025 to 3 September 2025 and an adjustment to the end date of the autumn term from 17 December 2025 to 19 December 2025.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Education approves the school term and holiday dates that have been consulted upon with all schools and considered by the County Council's Schools Union Group, for the school years 2026/27 and 2027/28 as set out in appendix 2 of the report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. It is a duty of the Council, under section 32 of the Education Act 2002, to set the school year for its voluntary controlled and community schools.
- 2.2. This report seeks approval of school term and holiday dates for 2025/26 2026/27 and 2027/28. The proposed pattern provides the best balance of term and holiday dates when considering the Christmas and Easter dates and organising for schools to be in session for 195 days.

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:

Cllr Steve Forster
Executive Member for Education

19 October 2023