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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 remotely on Wednesday 10th November 2021

1. **POULNER INFANT SCHOOL**
2. **HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD (HAF) GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS CHRISTMAS 2021**
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# Item 1

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 November 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Poulner Infant School – Replacement Nursery
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. The Decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services grants spend approval to the project proposals for Poulner Infant School at the total cost of £537,000.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. Poulner Infant School and Nursery currently provides education for up to 246 children (2 Forms of Entry) aged between 2 and 7 years old. This includes the school run nursery provision.

2.2. The project comprises of a new, purpose built 26 place nursery to replace an existing setting within the infant school. The accommodation released upon completion is to be used as additional and improved teaching space for the school.

2.3. The project is included in the Children Services Capital Programme, approved at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 16th January 2020 with a budget of £487,000.

2.4. Following approval of the capital programme in January 2020, the cost of the scheme has increased by £50,000 due to the increased scope of the proposed works. This additional cost will be funded by an increase in the funding as shown in the table below.

2.5. A Planning application was submitted in September 2021 and a decision is expected in December.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Alternative bids were received and evaluated but were unsuccessful.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: N/A

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: N/A

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Councillor Roz Chadd**

**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

**10 November 2021**

# Item 2

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 November 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Grant Recommendations Christmas 2021
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member approves the award of HAF Christmas grants to the organisations identified in Appendix 1 to this report up to a total value of £541,860.05.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the reallocation of any HAF remaining or underspent funds, including up to £81,279 additional funds applied for to provide free places for other vulnerable children and young people, to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant set out in paragraph 19, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member. This may include new grants to partner organisations to supplement the HAF Christmas offer where gaps are identified at a local level.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services delegate approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the allocation of HAF grant funds to partner organisations supporting the signposting HAF aim, up to a maximum of £35,000 to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant set out in paragraphs 19 and 20, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member. This may include new grants to partner organisations to supplement the HAF Summer offer where gaps are identified.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To meet the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food grant programme objectives in Hampshire.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Hampshire County Council could have chosen not to commission Christmas holiday activity and food schemes via the Department for Education's HAF

grant programme. However, it was agreed that such services would be beneficial to vulnerable children across Hampshire.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: N/A

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: N/A

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A**

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
----- <b>Cllr Roz Chadd</b> <b>Executive Lead Member for Children's Services</b>	<b>10 November 2021</b>

# Item 3

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 November 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Expansion of Mark Way School, Andover
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That approval is given to publish a statutory Public Notice under Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006: To expand Mark Way School, Andover, with effect from 1 September 2023.

#### 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. These proposals aim to build on good quality Hampshire school provision; meet the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs; reduce the Local Authority's dependence on INMSS and keep pupils as close to their home and community as much as possible.
- 2.3. This project has been to public consultation with specific agreement from the Executive Member for Education and Skills. The notices were published between 10 September and 8 October 2021.

#### 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: N/A

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: N/A

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A**

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A**

7. **Statement from the decision maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
----- <b>Cllr Roz Chadd</b> <b>Executive Lead Member for Children's Services</b>	<b>10 November 2021</b>



# Item 4

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 November 2021
<b>Title:</b>	The Future of Hatherden Church of England Primary School
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### **1. The decision:**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approve the commencement of a consultation to consider the closure of the school with effect from 31 August 2022.

#### **2 Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1 The financial position of the school severely compromises the capacity of leaders to achieve further improvement and sustain improvements already made in the quality of education for all pupils.
- 2.2 The ongoing use of external sources of support, from Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service (HIAS), the Diocese and the interventions funded by the Office of the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) to increase leadership capacity is not sustainable indefinitely.
- 2.3 The falling pupil numbers and an increasing financial deficit means closure of the school should be considered.

#### **3 Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1 The current support package being provided through HIAS, Diocese and RSC be maintained.

**4 Conflicts of interest:** N/A

**5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** N/A

**6 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** N/A

**7 Statement from the decision maker:**

- 7.1 The school has had two inadequate Ofsted inspections and the most recent judged the school to have serious weaknesses following the section 5 inspection that took place in July 2019. Since then, monitoring has identified effective actions and improvement in the quality of education and safeguarding for all pupils. However, these changes have been secured using intensive, and largely funded, support from Hampshire Inspection & Advisory Service. Further support has also been provided through the Diocese and DfE funded school to school support through a Teaching School.
- 7.2 The numbers of pupils attending the school have fallen significantly and do not provide an adequate financial basis for the sustaining of effective leadership, staffing and other costs. This will risk compromising the quality of education for pupils and this is not an acceptable position.
- 7.3 The current levels of external resource needed to increase capacity within the school is financially unsustainable. It is also counter to the expectation that such intensive support be withdrawn over time so that the school can demonstrate its own effectiveness and the serious weaknesses designation be removed in a future Ofsted inspection.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Cllr Roz Chadd**  
**Executive Lead Member for Childrens Services**

**10 November 2021**

# Item 5

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 November 2021
<b>Title:</b>	North Baddesley Infant School Age Range
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

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

1.2. To make a prescribed alteration to North Baddesley Infant School, Botley Road, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9EE, to provide nursery provision for up to 40 places for children from 2 years to 4 years old, commencing with 24 places with effect from 1 January 2022 and with a requirement to consult with the Council prior to any further expansion of places.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The Making Significant Changes ('prescribed alterations') to Maintained Schools ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)) guidance sets out the process to be followed.

2.2. Public Notice was published in the press on 3 September 2021 with the consultation period closing 1 October 2021.

2.3. North Baddesley Infant School is a Local Authority maintained school and decision is required to be made by Executive Member.

2.4. The provision of 24 places 8am to 6pm will help to meet expected growth in population due to new houses.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 North Baddesley Infant School had previously tendered out to the childcare market in December 2019 for an independent childcare provider to deliver childcare onsite. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the successful organisation has confirmed to the school they do not wish to enter the lease

arrangement. The school have not considered to offer it out again due to the poor response previously.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: N/A

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: N/A

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A**

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
----- <b>Cllr Roz Chadd</b> <b>Executive Lead Member for Children's Services</b>	<b>10 November 2021</b>