

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	15 March 2023
Title:	Additional Specialist Education Provision for Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Children Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. Approval is given for statutory public notices to be published in relation to:

- The proposed Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) Resourced Provision (RP) at Guillemont Junior School, Farnborough.
- The proposed redesignation of RP at Morelands Primary School, Waterlooville.
- The relocating the resource provision for pupils with a hearing loss, at Wallisdean Junior School to St Jude's Catholic Primary School, Fareham.

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. We are obliged to further developing successful provision to meet this demand within the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) sector.

2.2. The proposed additional SEND provision outlined will help manage some of the school place pressures generated by the increase in the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by the Local Authority. In Dec 2022 in Hampshire there were 14,648 children with EHCPs. An increase of 4.5% of all Children and Young people.

2.3. The total revenue cost of £388,036 for the in-house places compares to an estimated £1.5m for the same number of places in independent and non-maintained special schools using the average cost of an SEN only funded day placement. This equates to approximately £1.1m of cost avoidance on the High Needs Block.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Without the creation of additional local spaces, we will inevitably have more children in Independent Non-Maintained Specialist School provision with greater pressure on home to school transport costs and the Dedicated

Schools Grant High Needs block. From a revenue perspective, it is more cost effective to increase in-house provision, rather than place children in expensive independent provision at an average cost of £65,800 each pupil, per academic year.

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 Foster
Executive Member for Education

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