COUNCIL MEETING, 20 July 2023

REPORT OF THE

Executive Member for Education

PART II

1. Additional Specialist Education Provision for Hampshire

- 1.1. Hampshire County Council is committed to ensuring that all children can access high-quality education, as near to their family and local community as possible. 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.
- 1.2. On 31 March 2022 in Hampshire there were 13,178 children with EHCPs. An increase of 428 from January of the same year. This has resulted in a corresponding pressure for places in special schools and resourced provision, leading to increased placements within the independent and non-maintained sector.
- 1.3. At their decision day on 11 May 2023, the Executive Member for Education took the decision to agree post public consultation on several additional SEND provisions outlined below, to help manage the pressures generated by the increase in the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by the Local Authority. This will also reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon independent and non-maintained provision and will aim to keep pupils as close to their home community as possible.
- 1.4. The Executive Member for Education decided:
 - To agree post public consultation for the Autism Spectrum Condition resourced provision at Guillemont Junior School, Farnborough.
 - To agree post public consultation for the redesignation of resourced provision at Morelands Primary School, Waterlooville.
 - To agree post public consultation in relation to relocating the resource provision for pupils with a hearing loss, at Wallisdean Junior School to St Jude's Catholic Primary School, Fareham.

Further details can be found at the link(s) below:

Executive Lead Member for Children's Services - 11 May 2023 Decision Day

COUNCILLOR STEVE FORSTER Executive Member for Education