

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	19 October 2023
Title:	Additional Specialist Education Provision
Report From:	Director for Children's Services

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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

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