

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services  |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 20 February 2024   |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Peel Common Infant School and Nursery Unit and Peel Common Junior School – Proposed Amalgamation |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Children's Services  |

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### 1. The decision

1.1. That approval is given for the publication of a statutory Public Notice in relation to the proposed amalgamation of Peel Common Infant School and Nursery Unit and Peel Common Junior School with effect from 1 January 2025.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The reduction in pupil numbers has led to significant budget pressures at both the infant and junior schools creating significant difficulties with budget recovery and on-going viability. The proposed amalgamation to form a 1fe primary school on one school site presents a better opportunity for the schools to secure an improved budget position with a more settled pupil number intake and organisational structure.

2.2. As a response to a request from both governing bodies for the Council to consider the schools amalgamating, an informal consultation on the amalgamation of Peel Common Infant and Nursery Unit and Peel Common Junior School.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To take no action and for both schools to continue to operate under current governance arrangements.

### 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: Not Applicable

**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:** None

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**  
**Councillor Edward Heron**

**20 February 2024**