

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Education
<b>Date:</b>	14 May 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Additional Specialist Provision - Hollywater School
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That approval be given to consult on the expansion of Hollywater School, Bordon, to provide an additional 20 places for children and young people with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) from September 2025.
- 1.2 That approval be given to consult on the expansion of Heathfield Special School, Fareham, to provide up to 20 places for children and young people with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) and SLD in phases from September 2024.
- 1.3 To request approval to consult on adding SLD to the specialist designation of Saxon Wood Special School, Basingstoke.

### 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.
- 2.2 The proposed additional SEND provision outlined within this report 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.
- 2.3 As of January 2024, the number of maintained EHCPs was 16,065. By 2030-31, Hampshire is forecast to have c28,000 pupils who will have an EHCP if unmitigated.
- 2.4 The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire schools has led to an increase in placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). The proposals contained within this report aim to build on good quality Hampshire school provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their local area. This will reduce the Local Authority's

dependence upon independent and non-maintained provision (INMSS) and will aim to keep pupils as close to their home community as possible.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:** None

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 No conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 No conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** None

**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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**Councillor Steve Forster**  
**Executive Member for Education**

**14 May 2024**