

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	25 October 2024
Title:	North Whiteley New Secondary School
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives permission to commence a period of statutory consultation (public notice) on Hampshire County Council's preferred option to relocate The Henry Cort Community College to the new North Whiteley secondary school site, with effect from September 2027

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To seek approval to commence a period of statutory consultation (public notice) concerning the re-organisation of educational provision in the North Whiteley area, specifically the re-location of Henry Cort Community College to a new site within the North Whiteley development.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Build North Whiteley Secondary as a new 6fe academy and The Henry Cort Community College remains operational and on its current site but, with a reduced catchment area catering for 4fe (based on remaining feeder school PANs, though primary numbers on roll are falling).
- 3.2. Build North Whiteley Secondary as a new 6fe academy and The Henry Cort Community College closes. Remaining catchment area jointly shared between Fareham Academy and Cams Hill School. Further work to understand the potential spare building capacity and any necessary catchment changes will be undertaken once approval is given to consult.
- 3.3. Do nothing - it is concluded that this is not an appropriate option. The new North Whiteley secondary school is required to meet the demand from the development, but it is likely to create surplus places in Fareham. Consultation on the three options is needed to mitigate the impact of the new school and ensure the appropriate distribution of secondary school places across

Whiteley and Fareham.

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: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker:

7.1. North Whiteley requires a new secondary school so that Hampshire children can attend a high quality, local school. This decision secures a quality educational offer for North Whiteley through maximising the impact of significant investment in new provision, whilst prioritising access by local families to financially and educationally viable local schools.

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Roz Chadd
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

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