

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Childrens Services
<b>Date:</b>	7 March 2025
<b>Title:</b>	Lowering Age Range for Locks Heath Infant School
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to make a prescribed alteration to Locks Heath Infant School, Warsash Road, Locks Heath, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 9NZ to provide nursery provision for a minimum of 21 children to a maximum of 40 children from 2 years old, with effect from 1 September 2025, with a requirement to consult with the Council prior to any further expansion of places.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The proposal supports the continuing need for early years provision in the Locks Heath and Park Gate areas of the Fareham district and supports families from this ward.
- 2.2. Locks Heath Infant School proposal is for the Governing Body of the school to create a pre-school to provide early years childcare for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years of age.
- 2.3. The school is maintained by the Local Authority and the statutory process as outlined in The Making Significant Changes ('prescribed alterations') Maintained Schools has been followed including the necessary period of Public Notice from 29 November 2024 to the 10 January 2025
- 2.4. There have been no objections raised

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. No other options considered

### 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: N/A**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A**

**7. Statement from the decision maker: N/A**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**7 March 2025**

**Councillor Roz Chadd  
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**