

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Education
<b>Date:</b>	7 March 2025
<b>Title:</b>	Additional Specialist Provision – Resourced Provisions
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children’s Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- i. That approval is given to undertake non-statutory consultations on:

the establishment of a Resourced Provision for 15 pupils aged 11-16 with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) Resourced Provision at Applemore College, Dibden Purlieu opening in phases from September 2025;

the establishment of a Resourced Provision for 12 pupils aged 4-11 with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) at Hamble Primary School, Eastleigh opening in phases from September 2026;

the establishment of a Resourced Provision for 15 pupils aged 11-16 with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) at The Hamble School, Eastleigh opening in phases from September 2026;

the establishment of a Resourced Provision for 10 pupils aged 4-11 with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs at Stanmore Primary School, Winchester opening in phases from September 2026;

the establishment of a Resourced Provision for 15 pupils aged 11 -16 with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs at The Wavell School, Aldershot opening in phases from September 2026;

- ii. That approval is given to undertake statutory consultation through publishing of public notices for:

the expansion of Resourced Provision places at Ashley Infant School, New Milton for pupils aged 5-7 from 24 to 32 and change of designation from Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) to 15 Autism Spectrum

Conditions (ASC) places and 17 Speech Language and Communication (SLCN) places from September 2025;

the establishment of a Resourced Provision for 10 pupils aged 4-11 with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) at Newtown Church of England Primary School, Gosport opening in phases from September 2025;

- iii. That approval is given to support and work with Robert Mays School Academy Trust, Odiham on the expansion of the Resourced Provision for pupils with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) increasing from 12 to 15 pupils from September 2025;
- iv. That a report is brought back to a future Executive Member for Education decision day following the consultation periods for the above named schemes together with detail of capital spend requirements for consideration before progressing to the formal statutory public notice period and/or final approval given.

## **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. The County Council is committed to further developing successful provision to meet this demand within the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) sector.
  - 1.1. The proposed additional SEND provision 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.
  - 1.2. The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire Schools has led to an increase in placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). These proposals 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 the home community as possible.
  - 1.3. All Local authorities have a duty to promote sustainable and active travel to school. Hampshire is made up of diverse urban and rural communities and causes long travel times for already vulnerable children. However, having these proposals create closer local provision therefore minimising school transport costs and its use.
  - 1.4. The creation of much wanted specialist placements to give children and young people the support they need. Serving Hampshire's Residents - Strategic Plan 2021 to 2025.  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/corporatestrategy>

**2. Other options considered and rejected:**

2.1. Independent Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) placements at a much higher cost and at greater pressure on the DSG HN block and school transport costs.

**3. Conflicts of interest:**

3.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

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

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

**6. Statement from the decision maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**7 March 2025**

**Councillor Steve Forster  
Executive Member for Education**