

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Cabinet   |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 15 March 2022   |
| <b>Title:</b>          | School Organisation - amendment to current decision-making arrangements |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Children's Services   |

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#### 1. The decision:

That Cabinet

- 1.1. Approves that the decision making authority in relation to school closures and where required linked proposals be transferred from the Cabinet to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (with immediate effect). This amends paragraph 2(c) of the Cabinet Report (item 5) of the 21 May 2007 Education and Inspections Act 2006 – Implications for School Organisation Decisions, which requires Cabinet to consider and decide upon school closures and if required linked proposals that fall out of the scope of authority of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.
- 1.2. Notes that all other recommendations set out in the 21 May 2007 Cabinet report Education and Inspections Act 2006 – Implications for School Organisation Decisions are not affected by this decision.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To move all matters in relation to school organisation under the decision-making authority of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services. Therefore, removing the current requirement for Cabinet to consider and decide upon school closures and if required linked proposals that currently fall out of the scope of authority of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services. This brings it in to line with other related decisions such as school amalgamations, simplifying the decision making process and enabling all matters on school organisation to be treated as business as usual.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**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:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**15 March 2022**

**Chairman of Cabinet  
Councillor Keith Mans**