

## DECISION RECORD

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**Subject:**

An increase in the number of places at Breakspeare School, a community special school and enlargement of the premises of Meadow Wood School, a community special school. The proposal will support an increase of 8 places at Breakspeare School from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Staff Contact: Debbie Orton

Executive Member: Terry Douris

Tel: 01992 588556

Portfolio: Executive Member for Education,  
Libraries & Localism

### 1. Decision

To agree the statutory proposal to increase the number of places at Breakspeare School, a community special school and enlarge the premises of Meadow Wood School, a community special school, taking into consideration the outcome of the statutory notice period. The proposal will support an increase of 8 places at Breakspeare School from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Breakspeare School is a school for pupils aged 3 to 19, with severe and complex learning difficulties. Meadow Wood School is a school for pupils aged 3 to 11, with physical and/or neurological impairments.

### 2. Reasons for the decision

At the Hertfordshire County Council Cabinet meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Cabinet authorised the Director of Children's Services to publish a statutory notice to increase the number of places at Breakspeare School and enlarge the premises of Meadow Wood School, to support an increase of 8 places at Breakspeare School from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The statutory notice period ended on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and no objections to the proposal were received. It is now for the Director of Children's Services, under the terms of the delegated powers invested in her, to approve the proposal.

### 3. Alternative options considered and rejected

None

### 4. Consultation

#### (a) Comments of Executive Member

The Executive Member has no comments other than to concur with the Director's intention to agree the proposal.

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(b) Comments of other consultees

None

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed:

A yellow rectangular box redacting the signature of Jenny Coles.

Title: Jenny Coles, Director of Children's Services

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- The Headteacher & Governing Body of both Breakspeare School & Meadow Wood School
- The Diocese of Westminster (John Paul (JP) Morrison: [jpmorrison@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jpmorrison@rcdow.org.uk))
- The Diocese of St Albans (David Morton: [dde@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:dde@stalbans.anglican.org))
- The Schools Adjudicator
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- The parents of every registered pupil at the schools (where the school is a special school)
- Hard & Electronic copy to ([elaine.shell@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.shell@hertfordshire.gov.uk), for public inspection both at County Hall and on [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.