

## DECISION RECORD

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**Subject:** Whether to agree to the statutory proposal to change the age range of York Road Nursery School, Hitchin, to allow children to be admitted from the age of 2 years.

Staff Contact: Melany McQueen

Executive Member: Terry Douris

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Portfolio: Executive Member for Education,  
Libraries & Localism

### 1. Decision

To agree the statutory proposal to change the age range of York Road Nursery School, York Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1XA ("the Nursery") by altering the lower age limit. This will change the age range from 3 to 5 years to 2 to 5 years, enabling the Nursery to start offering places to 2-year-old children from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. The proposed alteration will make provision for up to 12 part-time, 2-year-old children.

### 2. Reasons for the decision

At the Hertfordshire County Council Cabinet meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Cabinet authorised the Director of Children's Services to publish a statutory notice to change the age range of York Road Nursery School, to enable the Nursery to start offering places to 2-year-old children from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

The statutory notice period ended on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 and no objections to the proposal were received.

### 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.

#### (b) Comments of other consultees

None

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

Signed: ..\

Title: Jenny Coles, Director of Children's Services

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- Elaine Shell, Democratic Services Manager, Room 213, Old Block, County Hall (signed paper original).  
Electronic copy to: [Democratic.Services@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Democratic.Services@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

and following the expiry of the call-in period to:

- Executive Member - Councillor Terry Douris
- Local Member – Councillor Judi Billing
- Chair (Councillor David Andrews), and Vice-Chairs (Councillors Kareen Hastrick and Roma Mills) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Office of the Schools Adjudicator ([osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk))
- The governing body of York Road Nursery School - email to head teacher to forward to chair of governors for distribution to governing body members
- The local Church of England diocese - Canon David Morton, Director of Education, Diocese of St Albans ([dde@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:dde@stalbans.anglican.org))
- The local Roman Catholic diocese - Mr JP Morrison, Director of Education, Diocese of Westminster ([jpmorrison@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jpmorrison@rcdow.org.uk))