

DECISION RECORD

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Subject:

Whether to consult on expanding the following special schools: Greenside, Stevenage, by 16 places; Lakeside, Welwyn Garden City, by 8 places; and Woodfield, Hemel Hempstead, by 32 places

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Executive Member: Terry Douris

Portfolio: Executive Member for Education,
Libraries & Localism

1. Decision

To commence on 11 November 2019 for a period of 4 weeks the consultation on the proposal to permanently enlarge the following special schools: Greenside, Stevenage, by 16 places; Lakeside, Welwyn Garden City, by 8 places; and Woodfield, Hemel Hempstead, by 32 places, conditional upon the granting of town planning permission for the building scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision

- 1.1 The Director of Children's Services, under the terms of the delegated powers invested in her, decided to commence the consultation on the proposals to allow the permanent enlargement of the premises of the Special Schools listed above on their existing sites to accommodate rising demand for school places in special schools. An analysis of need, location, condition, and site suitability has identified these schools where capital expenditure will create additional places through additional accommodation some of which may also involve replacing poor existing accommodation with a larger footprint.

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 proposals.

(b) Comments of other consultees

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None

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: 01 November 2019

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- The Headteacher & Governing Body of Greenside, Lakeside and Woodfield Special Schools
- HPCI (Herts Parent Carer Involvement) Representative
- The Diocese of Westminster (John Paul (JP) Morrison: jpmorrison@rcdow.org.uk)
- The Diocese of St Albans (David Morton: dde@stalbans.anglican.org)
- 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)
- Hard & Electronic copy to (elaine.shell@hertfordshire.gov.uk, for public inspection both at County Hall and on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.