

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Proposals to Add, Amend & Remove Provision for Special Educational Needs by Providing Targeted Mainstream Provisions in Nine Mainstream Schools from September 2020

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This form should be used to record:

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
 - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
 - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
 - **grant a permission or licence;**
 - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
 - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

After consideration of a report of the Corporate Director Children and Young People's Service regarding the proposals to change provision for Special Educational Needs by providing targeted mainstream provisions in nine mainstream schools from September 2020, and after consultation with Executive Members, the Chief Executive Officer agreed:

- a) That public consultation take place on school organisation proposals to:
 - (i) Add provision for Special Educational Needs by providing Special Resourced provision in the form of Targeted Provisions at Mainstream Schools (as listed in Appendix 5 of the report).
 - (ii) Remove provision for Special Educational Needs at former Enhanced Mainstream Schools (as listed in Appendix 5 of the report).
 - (iii) Note the removal and establishment of Special provisions which the Local Authority will support at the relevant Academies within North Yorkshire (as listed in Appendix 5 of the report).
- b) That decision making authority be delegated to the Executive Member for Education & Skills and the Executive Member for Children's Services in regards to interim day 6 arrangements.

By whom: Richard Flinton, Chief Executive Officer, under his emergency delegated powers and in consultation with Executive Members.

On: 31 March 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES/NO

If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?

YES/NO

Reasons for decision: -

In September 2018, the Council had launched its SEND Strategy. This detailed how SEND provision would be transformed over a 5-year period to help ensure that children and young people with SEND can be educated locally in North Yorkshire. The strategy outlined the rationale for the proposed changes to the model of enhanced mainstream schools, which will start to be implemented from September 2020.

It has been proposed that 31 targeted mainstream provisions would be in place once the programme has been fully established. With nine schools taking part in the first wave of implementation. Formal consultation with schools and key stakeholders was undertaken from 6 February 2020 to 15 March 2020. Overall there was disagreement expressed by respondents to three of the four questions. Analysis of the responses indicated that the disagreement was not with the model itself but related to concerns that at present there are not enough places or provisions. This will be addressed with the roll out of the model to achieve 31 provisions and 48 places.

There was nothing in responses to the consultation that would lead to a change in the approach that had been proposed. The proposed approach would create new school places and ensure that support was in place and would also enable children to be placed locally, near to where they live. This would be better for children and their families and also help to save money.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

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Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

Background Papers

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed
RICHARD FLINTON, Chief Executive Officer

Publication Date: 2 April 2020

Directorate – Central Services

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Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.

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