

## DECISION RECORD

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/freedom-of-information-and-council-data/open-data-statistics-about-hertfordshire/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/who-we-are-and-what-we-do.aspx>)

**Subject:** Whether to consult in respect of the proposal to relocate the Primary Support Bases from the Reddings Primary School to Dacorum Educational Support Centre in Hemel Hempstead and Bowman's School to Links Academy in St Albans

Staff Contact: Phil Brunt

Executive Member: Terry Douris

Tel: 01992 588437

Portfolio: Executive Member for Education, Libraries & Localism

### 1. Decision

The Director of Children's Services has decided to commence consultation on a proposal to close two primary support bases (PSB). The first is currently located at Reddings Primary School, Bennetts End Rd, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP3 8DX and serves the Dacorum area. Once closed it is proposed that a new service is to be commissioned from the Dacorum Education Support Centre (DESC), to provide both out-reach services to local schools and in-reach service for respite provision, if required, which would be located at its site at 30 Tenzing Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP2 4HS.

The second PSB is currently located at Bowmansgreen Primary School, Telford Road, London Colney, St Albans Hertfordshire, AL2 1PH and serves the St Albans area. Once closed it is proposed that a similar new service is to be commissioned from the Links Academy with any respite provision located at its site at Woollam Crescent, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL3 6EJ.

### 2. Reasons for the decision

Both PSBs are based in mainstream primary schools which are no longer able to meet service needs. Both base schools, the county council and local headteachers in each area consider that the closure of the bases and the re-commissioning of new services would have a positive impact for pupils and schools in the areas, with the opportunity of providing enhanced education opportunities and improved facilities. New accommodation is to be provided on the site of both Links Academy and DESC with designated outside space, offices and meetings rooms as well as class bases.

Both proposed new services are located within the same district as the existing PSB locations and so are accessible to students from these areas. The launch of a new service would have a positive impact for the pupils it serves and for staff, by enabling the re-provision of the services and by providing enhanced education opportunities and improved facilities.

## DECISION RECORD

### 3. **Alternative options considered and rejected**

None

### 4. **Consultation**

#### (a) **Comments of Executive Member**

The Executive Member was in agreement with the proposal to consult.

#### (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:



Title: Director of Children's Services      Date: 04 May 2018

### 6. **Copies of agreed document to:**

- The Headteacher & Chair of Governors of Bowmansgreen Primary School, Reddings Primary School, Links Academy and Dacorum Education Support Centre.
- 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))
- Assistant Head of Member Services - Room 214 County Hall ([elaine.shell@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.shell@hertfordshire.gov.uk)) Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect)