

## Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B038/21

### OFFICER DECISION RECORD <sup>i</sup>

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:** Approval of the academy lease / agreement for lease for the delivery of the new special school at The Woodside Centre, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4DD.

**Type of Decision:** Executive

**Key Decision (Executive Functions only):** Yes

**Executive Member/Committee Chairman:**

Bob Deering

**Portfolio (Executive Functions only):**

Resources and Performance

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April 2020

1. **Decision**

Approval to exchange contracts with the Department for Education (DfE) for the agreement for lease for the delivery of a new special educational needs school at The Woodside Centre, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4DD as set out in the Property Transaction Report (PTR).

2. **Reasons for the decision**

The Department for Education (DfE) have agreed to design, finance and deliver the construction of a new special educational needs school at the site of The Woodside Centre, The Commons, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4DD. The exchange of contracts for the agreement for lease with the DfE will provide the necessary legal agreement for the DfE to let the contract for the construction of the new school and for the 125-year academy lease to be put in place with the James Marks Academy Trust who will operate the completed school.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected**

No suitable alternative options have been identified.

4. **Consultation** (*see Summary of Requirements below*)

**Was any Councillor consulted?** Yes

**If yes:**

(a) Comments of Executive Member

Agreed.

(b) Comments of other consultees

None.

5. **Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision**

N/A.

6. **Following consultation with the Executive Member/Committee Chairman, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: Scott Crudgington

Title: Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director of Resources.

Date: 9th May 2022

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.<sup>ii</sup>

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**Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors**

<b>Significance of Proposed Action</b>	<b>Controversial</b>	<b>Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted</b>
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Committee Chairman
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