

## Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

**B044/22**

*If not a Key Decision write n/a above*

### 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:** Additional Special School places for 2022/23

**Type of Decision:** Executive

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

**Executive Member/Committee Chairman:** Bob Deering

**Portfolio (Executive Functions only):** Resources and Performance

**Officer Contact:** Samantha Young, Planning Officer

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#### 1. **Decision**

To agree the capital required to deliver additional SEND places at the following schools for September 2022:

School	Sector	Project Outline	Additional Places
Watling View	SLD	Replacement of existing modular buildings with larger building and	8*

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		essential internal modifications to main school building	
Greenside	SLD	Refurbishment of existing modular on adjacent secondary school and essential internal modifications in special school main building	9*
Woolgrove	LD	Replacement of existing modular building with larger building	9*
Dacorum ESC	SEMH	Create secure outside play area and convert existing meeting room to teaching space	6**
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>32</b>

## 2. Reasons for the decision

These enlargements schemes will provide much needed local places for our most vulnerable children. In doing so they will reduce the impact on the High Needs and School Transport revenue budgets, as the number of children being placed out of county will reduce, as need can be met locally.

## 3. Alternative options considered and rejected

Despite the work to explore alternative options, including additional support in mainstream settings and out county placements, a number of children with SEND are still without an appropriate school place for September 2022. Further analysis of the level and need of these remaining children has informed a review of the limited enlargement opportunities remaining across our special schools.

This review concluded that the enlargement proposals listed in section 1 best meet the immediate need for places.

## 4. Consultation

**Was any Councillor consulted?      Yes**

**If yes:**

- (a) Comments of Executive Member  
*Supportive of the proposal*
- (b) Comments of other consultees  
*Executive Member for Education, Libraries and Lifelong Learning also supported the proposal.*

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

No

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: 06 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

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
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	<p><b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)</p> <p><b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Committee Chairman</p>
General or County-wide	Yes	<p><b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council</p> <p><b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups</p>