


WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MAINSTREAM AUTISM BASE AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date of Decision	28 May 2021
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education
Brief Description of Decision	<p>The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education:</p> <p>(a) approved the publication of Public Notice of the proposal to establish a mainstream autism base at Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School in accordance with delegated authority to prescribed alterations to maintained schools;</p> <p>(b) noted that in accordance with the delegation of authority given by the Leader on 25 April 2018 the Director of Children Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education will determine the proposals following no objection to the Public Notice being received; and</p> <p>(c) will review all representations received during the Public Notice stage should objections be received in order to decide on the proposal.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	To fulfil the statutory duties for the education of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), Worcestershire Children First (WCF) are seeking to expand provision for pupils with autism via extension of existing and/or establishment of new mainstream autism bases (MABs) at both primary and secondary level, across the County.

	<p>These outcomes respond to the principles of Worcestershire SEND Strategy and resource management of the Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs Management Plan.</p> <p>Capital funding received in 2020 was matched to this priority and bids were requested from schools wishing to offer mainstream autism bases. The award was based on ten key assessment principals including inclusivity within the whole school, staffing and financial cost per place as well as timescales, and detailed delivery plans.</p> <p>Expressions of interest were invited, and ten proposals were received from primary, middle, and secondary schools.</p> <p>Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School (CCEPS) submitted a successful bid for a 10 place base to be open within the mainstream site at CCEPS for children aged between 4 and 11 years old.</p>
<p>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</p>	<p>Allocating funding to alternative priorities would not have responded to the principles of Worcestershire SEND Strategy and resource management of the Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs Management Plan.</p> <p>Other schools submitted bids that did not score as highly when matched to the assessment principles and so were rejected.</p>
<p>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker</p>	<p>Marcus J Hart</p> 
<p>Date of Implementation of Decision</p>	<p>7 June 2021</p>