

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Pershore Area Review Consultation Findings and Recommendations
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors S E Geraghty (Chairman), A T Amos, M Dormer, A I Hardman, M J Hart, A Kent, K May, A P Miller, A C Roberts.
Date of Decision:	21 April 2022
Purpose:	To consider the proposed changes to the age range within the Pershore Education Planning Area as well as the necessary funding solution.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) noted the findings of the pre-publication Consultation undertaken in October – November 2021 as outlined in paragraphs 27 – 29 of the agenda report; (b) agreed a commitment in principle to support a collective change of age range to align schools in the Pershore Education Planning Area (EPA) to a single, two-tier (primary and secondary) system of education subject to funding being fully secured; (c) recommended officers to continue to work with all partners including schools, Multi-Academy Trusts and the Department for Education to identify a collective solution to fund the changes required; (d) agreed that until a collective solution for funding the whole pyramid age range changes is identified, Cabinet cannot take proposals for LA Maintained schools forward; and e) agreed that the critical milestones (see paragraphs 62 & 63 of the agenda report) for changes from September 2024 are not

	going to be viable unless funding is identified by September 2022 and changes are likely to be made from September 2025 at the earliest subject to funding.
Reason(s) for the Decision:	Consultation showed support from stakeholders to move to a consistent, single tier education system across the Pershore Education Planning Area. To confirm the County Council's in principle support for the changes to various schools to enable this to happen, subject to a collective solution for funding being confirmed and secured.
Alternative Options Considered:	As set out in the report and in the consultation process.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	28 April 2022

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