


WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

Approval For Change the Age Range of Chawson Community First School

Date of Decision	9 May 2022
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education
Brief Description of Decision	The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education: approved the change of age range of Chawson Community First School from 5-9 to 3-9 from 1 September 2022 as per their delegated authority in relation to prescribed alterations to maintained schools
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>Six responses were received during this representation period: five were in support of the proposal; one was in objection to the proposal.</p> <p>In accordance with the delegation of authority given by the Leader of the Council on 25 April 2018 to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education, they are able to approve the change following Public Notice where objections are received can it be shown that the decision is still lawful and appropriate. This authority was endorsed by Cabinet in January 2020.</p> <p>The objection was received from a neighbour of the school. This objection has been considered and it is still recommended that this change is approved. The reasons for this are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The proposed change will see the conversion of a Governor-Led Nursery to maintained provision. There will be no change in the number of places available to this age range and therefore this change will not increase or exacerbate any existing traffic related issues.b) The school have not received a greater number of complaints about parking or safety in the local area since opening the Governor-Led Pre-school. This

	<p>academic year the school have received two informal notifications of concern about parking since the beginning of the academic year and no formal complaints</p> <p>c) The school have no recorded Health and Safety ‘near misses’ due to parking or driving at drop off and collection times</p> <p>d) The school currently works closely with parents/cares of pupils at the school to promote considerate driving and parking.</p> <p>e) The possible impact on traffic and parking has already been considered and mitigated as part of this proposal.</p> <p>f) Existing traffic issues and any inappropriate or unlawful parking can be challenged through the local member as a traffic/parking query and is not a reason not to expand or change education provision.</p> <p>g) All respondents felt that they had been provided with sufficient information to respond to this proposal.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the Cabinet Member with Responsibility decision report.</p>
<p>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</p>	<p>Do not approve – Rejected as the proposal was supported during the consultation and supports to ensure sufficiency of early education places</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>Date of Implementation of Decision</p>	<p>17 May 2022</p>