WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

Approval For Public Notice of the Proposal to Change the Age Range of Chawson Community First School

Date of Decision	18 March 2022
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education
Brief Description of Decision	 (a) approved the publication of the Public Notice for the proposal to alter the age range of Chawson Community First School by two year groups from 5-11 years to 3-11 years from 1st September 2022 in accordance with the delegated authority for making prescribed alterations to maintained schools; (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 should no objections to the Public Notice being received; or (c) the Cabinet Member with Responsibility will review all representations received during the Public Notice stage should objections be received in order to decide on the proposal.
Reason(s) For Decision	If Chawson First School governor-led provision was to close due to a need for more classroom space for primary age pupils, there would be a sufficiency issue created within the area. Therefore, creating a purpose-built nursery building and changing the provision to a maintained facility would safeguard against the reduction in provision within the Droitwich area.
Alternative Options Considered and Rejected	Do not approve – Rejected as the proposal was supported during the consultation referred to in the report and supports to ensure sufficiency of early education places

Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	None
Signature of Decision Maker	Marcus Hart
Date of Implementation of Decision	28 March 2022