


# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### Approval For Public Notice of the Proposal to Change the Age Range of Crown Meadow First and Nursery School

<b>Date of Decision</b>	17 June 2022
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	<p><b>The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education:</b></p> <p><b>(a) approved the publication of the Public Notice for the proposal to alter the age range of Crown Meadow First School and Nursery by one year group from 3-9 years to 2-9 years from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 in accordance with the delegated authority for making prescribed alterations to maintained schools;</b></p> <p><b>(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 be received; or</b></p> <p><b>(c) reviewed all representations received during the Public Notice stage should objections be received in order to decide on the proposal.</b></p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>Crown Meadow First and Nursery School currently offers 3 and 4 year old early years provision as a maintained nursery. Under this proposal, the provision would extend to support children from the age of two. Open and fair consultation has taken place with stakeholders and responses have been made to any concerns raised. The number of two year olds living in the area has shown a steady increasing trend over the last 15 years. Since 2013 more families are eligible for free childcare. The need to secure early education provision for two year olds in this area has increased. The Local Authority do not</p>

	anticipate this proposal having a significant detrimental impact on other providers.
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	Do not approve – Rejected as the proposal was supported during the consultation and supports to ensure sufficiency of early education places
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None
<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	
<b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b>	27 June 2022