

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### 2017-18 School Place Planning – Red Hill CE Primary School

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	13 January 2017
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Mr M L Bayliss, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	The Cabinet Member considered the objection to the proposals to expand Red Hill CE Primary School. However, having noted the continuing efforts of officers to respond to traffic concerns around the school and in light of the need for additional primary school places both in Worcester city generally and more specifically in the Red Hill catchment area, he has approved the statutory proposal to expand Red Hill CE Primary School by increasing the Published Admission Number from 30 to 60 per year group for 2017-18 and agreed implementation of the project, subject to planning permission.
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>Following re-publication of the statutory proposals and public notice in September 2016 to expand Red Hill CE Primary School, one objection was received during the representation period raising concerns relating to the consequential impact on traffic/congestion/parking.</p> <p>The Council is to commission a Transport Impact Assessment around the school. Issues relating to traffic access will be dealt with through the planning application process. With the expansion of Red Hill CE Primary School the Council should be able to meet its statutory duty to offer all children in the local area a place. It will also assist the school in meeting demand for places within its own catchment area.</p> <p>The proposal put forward therefore represents the best outcome when balancing the various priorities. This has been tested through the consultation process.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered And</b>	The option of doing nothing or delaying delivery of the provision proposed is not feasible. It poses a risk to the Council in not providing sufficient statutory school places and to parents in not being able to secure a school place for their

<p><b>Rejected</b></p>	<p>child in the school of their choice.</p> <p>Alternative options of expanding existing schools have been considered and deemed unfeasible or educationally unviable to provide the capacity increase needed.</p> <p>The permitted outcomes of a statutory proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) approval as published;</li> <li>b) approval with modifications;</li> <li>c) approval with conditions;</li> <li>d) rejection.</li> </ul> <p>There is evidence which supports the need to create additional places at Red Hill CE Primary School and given that a way forward has been reached with the Governing Body on the package of accommodation the proposal has been approved as published.</p>
<p><b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Signature of Decision Maker</b></p>	<p>Mr M L Bayliss</p>