

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE KIDDERMINSTER BASE OF THE BEACON PRIMARY PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATION STAGE.

<b>Date of Decision</b>	6 June 2023
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a. noted the details of the informal pre-publication consultation held during the period 22 March to 3 May 2023;</b></li><li><b>b. approved the publication of the Public Notice for the proposal to close the Kidderminster base of The Beacon Primary Pupil Referral Unit and approve the commencement of the representation stage in accordance with the delegated authority for making prescribed alterations to maintained schools; and</b></li><li><b>c. noted that a further report will be submitted for a final decision taking account of the representations.</b></li></ul>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>The Local Authority are proposing to close the Beacon Pupil Referral Unit at Kidderminster. The reason for the proposal to close this is because a new PRU (Unity Academy) will open from September 2023 and provide education for children who are permanently excluded and provide an outreach and preventative provision to minimise exclusion.</p> <p>The Beacon School's main site at Redditch will remain open and continue to provide education for children who are permanently excluded from Bromsgrove and Redditch areas and work with mainstream schools in the Bromsgrove and Redditch District to provide support, capacity and skills development to prevent children from being excluded.</p>

	<p>There are currently 10 children attending the Kidderminster base of The Beacon PRU and it is being planned that these children will either transition to the new Alternative Provision Free school (Unity Academy) with a transition plan involving the child, the family, the new school and Beacon school as normal phase transfer or according to the assessment of need, return to mainstream school before the end of this academic year, according to the child level plan for appropriate education (not dependent on any changes).</p>
<p><b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b></p>	<p>Not recommended as this would not give stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the consideration of this proposal. The DfE support the informal process for making changes.</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>Tracey Onslow</p>
<p><b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b></p>	<p>14 June 2023</p>