

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Pershore Area Review Consultation
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Simon Geraghty (Chairman), Marc Bayliss, David Chambers, Marcus Hart, Adam Kent, Steve Mackay, Karen May, Richard Morris, and Emma Stokes.
Date of Decision:	27 June 2024
Purpose:	To consider the Pershore Area Review Consultation.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the work undertaken so far on the Pershore Review including previous consultation; b) Noted the various proposers and decision makers for a coordinated change of age range in the Pershore Education Planning area and notes other proposers' agreement to consult on a coordinated change of age range to align schools in the Pershore Education Planning Area to a single, two tier (primary and secondary) system of education; c) Noted that in January 2020 Cabinet endorsed the delegation of authority given by the Leader in June 2018 to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education to take all decisions in relation to prescribed alterations to maintained schools including school places and organisation changes; d) Noted that in October 2022 Cabinet agreed a commitment to support collective change of age range to align schools in the Pershore Education Planning Area to a single, two-tier (primary and secondary) system of education subject to confirmation of a successful business case to HM Treasury by the Department of Education, which proposed funding an expansion at

	<p>Pershore High School being included in the Schools Rebuilding Programme and delegated authority to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education, the decision to publish the statutory proposals for Abbey Park First and Middle School change of age range if a co-ordinated collective solution could be agreed;</p> <p>e) Noted that Pershore High School is part of the National Schools Rebuilding programme and in June 2023 HM Treasury agreed to include the funding of the expansion of the Year 7 places at Pershore High School as part of this programme to the sum of £22M and that the Department of Education will retain the budget and be responsible for delivery of this project;</p> <p>f) Noted the timeline of activity for the coordinated change of age range proposals to proceed subject to necessary decision making; and</p> <p>g) Supported Worcestershire Children First to continue to manage this change and coordinate the area wide consultations with families, residents and other stakeholders.</p>
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report.
Alternative Options Considered:	Other tier options are set out in paragraphs 42 - 45 of the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None.
Date the decision is due to take effect:	4 July 2024

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