

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	31 March 2010
Title:	Formal consultation on Specific Learning Difficulty resourced provision for the North East area of Hampshire
Reference:	1445
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

1.1. That a formal consultation is undertaken with relevant stakeholders in relation to the proposal to establish a resourced provision for pupils of secondary school age who have a specific learning difficulty (SpLD) in the north east of Hampshire.

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2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. Hampshire has 6 resourced provisions for children of secondary school age with an identified specific learning difficulty (SpLD)

School:	Eggar's	Applemore	Fort Hill	Oak Farm	Crestwood	Cowplain
Area served:	Alton area	West Hampshire	Basingstoke	North East Hampshire	West Hampshire	South Hampshire
Number of pupils in the resourced provision	18	18	20	3	21	30

2.2. The number of places being accessed at the Oak Farm School resourced provision has reduced over the last few years, partly in line with the number on roll in the school, and additionally the local authority has not placed

children in the resourced provision once the decision was made for the school to close.

- 2.3. There is a necessity to have a SpLD resourced provision in a well regarded secondary school in the north east area of the county so that we are able to offer a high quality maintained resourced provision in the north east of Hampshire.
- 2.4. Pupils who have a specific learning difficulty and who are due for secondary transfer are identified during year 5, so that careful transition plans can be put in place, including consideration being given to which of these pupils will need a place in one of the local authority's resourced provisions for pupils with a specific learning difficulty. Each year a panel meets to discuss these pupils, and decisions are made as to which children should be offered a place. In the autumn term 2009, 28 year 5 pupils were brought to this panel seeking places in the resourced provisions, of which 23 were allocated a place.
- 2.5. The SpLD resourced provision will ensure that pupils in the north east area of the county will be enabled to attend a school with skilled staff able to provide high quality specialised teaching and a personalised curriculum differentiated according to their specific needs which enables them to learn and make measurable progress.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- a) As the aim of the consultation is to seek views and feedback on the proposal to establish a resourced provision for pupils of secondary school age who have a specific learning difficulty (SpLD) to serve the needs of the pupils currently attending schools in the north east area of Hampshire. In the circumstances there are no other recommended options.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None

- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

31 March 2010

**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Councillor David Kirk**