

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	20 July 2011
Title:	Review of school places at West End Infant and Beaumont Junior Schools, Aldershot
Reference:	3025
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves consultations taking place during the autumn term 2011 with parents, governors, staff and other interested parties on the possible closure of West End Infant and Beaumont Junior Schools, Aldershot and the creation of a 420 place (two form entry) primary school on one of the school sites.
- b) That the consultation process should include dialogue with the community about whether the new school should be an academy.
- c) That a report on the outcomes of the consultation be prepared for submission in autumn 2011.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Beaumont Junior has recently been judged by Ofsted to be inadequate and the Local Authority has a statutory duty to consider whether a structural solution would improve the quality of education being provided.
- 2.2. Local Authority officers believe that the closure of both schools and the creation of an all through primary school offers the best opportunity of securing outstanding educational opportunities for the community.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The status quo.

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:

20 July 2011

**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Councillor Roy Perry**