

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	20 January 2016
<b>Title:</b>	Proposed opening of Resource provision for children with social, emotional and mental health difficulties at Wildground Schools
<b>Reference:</b>	7110
<b>Report From:</b>	Interim Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services agrees to the publication of statutory notice setting out its intent to open a resource provision for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs at Wildground Schools.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Over the period 2010-2015 there has been a significant increase in the number of children with a Statement/Education, Health and Care Plan for SEMH in the New Forest (62-110), Winchester and Eastleigh (149-175) and Test Valley (88-102).
- 2.2. A proportion of these children have needs deemed to be severe and complex enough to require specialist provision.
- 2.3. For this group of children additional resources are required over and above that provided in a mainstream school, specifically specialist training provided to staff, increased staffing ratios and a specially equipped space for the children to access throughout the day.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

None

#### 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 Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

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20 January 2016

**Executive Lead Member for Children' Services**  
**Councillor Keith Mans**