

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	22 September 2016
Title:	Amalgamation of Weyford Infant and Junior Schools
Reference:	7742
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

That public notices be published in accordance with Sections 15 and 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to:

- a) Discontinue Weyford Infant School with effect from 31 August 2017.
- b) Establish a community primary school for up to 630 pupils by enlarging Weyford Junior School through the utilisation of Weyford Infant School's site and buildings, and extension of Weyford Junior School's age range to form a primary school for ages 4-11, with effect from 1 September 2017.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. Both schools are however finding it difficult to raise pupil outcomes to be consistently in line or above national averages. Recent outcomes compared to national averages for the two schools are as follows:

- Infant school overall outcomes at the end of key stage 1 were in line in 2013 and 2014 but fell to significantly below in 2015
- Junior school overall attainment at the end of key stage 2 was in line from 2012 to 2015 however progress, having been in line in 2013 and 2014, dropped to significantly below in 2015.

2.2. The governing bodies of Weyford Infant and junior Schools requested that Hampshire County Council consult with the schools' community and other interested parties on the closure of the infant school and converting the junior school to become a primary school (4-11) within the existing schools' buildings

2.3. The consultation has demonstrated that there are no objections to the proposal.

2.4. The amalgamation of Weyford Infant and Junior schools and the creation of an all through primary school is the option most likely to be successful in effectively raising pupil outcomes to be in line with or above national averages.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To maintain the status quo of separate infant and junior schools.

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:

5.1. None

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

6.1. Not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

22 September 2016

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Peter Edgar**