

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	30 July 2014
Title:	Review of Hampshire's Boarding Provision at Kings' School, Winchester
Reference:	6011
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That approval be given to the closure of the boarding provision at Kings' School with effect from 31 August 2015.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Following local consultation, the County Council published a Public Notice to close the boarding provision at Kings' School on 31 August 2015.
- 2.2. The Public Notice was published on 13 June 2014. One objection was received.
- 2.3. The County Council complied with all statutory requirements relating to the publication of the Public Notice.
- 2.4. The reason for making this decision follows a request from the Governing Body of Kings' School asking that the boarding facilities be closed two years earlier than planned on 31 August 2015 rather than 31 August 2017.
- 2.5. The Governing Body asked for this consultation to be carried out for two reasons:
 - (i) a decrease in the number of boarding pupils after the 2014/15 academic year and its view that the boarding house will not be able to offer a socially rewarding community for boarders
 - (ii) concerns surrounding the financial viability of the boarding provision due to a decrease in the number of boarders.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The status quo, i.e. the boarding provision closes on 31 August 2017.

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:

30 July 2014

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Peter Edgar**