

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### Worcester City Secondary School Joint Planning Application

<b>Date of Decision</b>	10 July 2024
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Councillor Marcus Hart
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	Authorise the school planning application to be submitted as part of a joint application for the delivery of a school, a multi-storey car park and access road adjacent to Worcestershire Royal Hospital and associated highway works in the form of a new access road; authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with relevant officers, to enter into agreements required, including the acquisition of the school site, resulting from a joint planning application; and authorise a stand-alone application for the school if the joint application is not ready by 31 July 2024.
<b>Reason(s) for Decision</b>	<p>By pursuing a hybrid application for the school, the access road and the multi-storey car park jointly it enables a more strategic, comprehensive approach and solution to the delivery of the access road and control over traffic arising from the school development;</p> <p>It would improve the current traffic and congestion issues experienced around Charles Hastings Way and address any potential concerns about additional school-related traffic on Newtown Road and consequential impacts on the blue light route at peak times;</p> <p>It would enable BNG, ecology and other matters to be assessed and mitigated on a site-wide basis.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	<p>Alternative options considered: submitting a stand-alone application for the school and associated highways works.</p> <p>The alternative option was rejected as the recommended option provided would, on balance, provide a more holistic approach to the planning considerations and therefore likelihood of a successful application. The alternative option</p>

	would be the fall-back position if the joint application is not ready to submit by 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	
<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Councillor Marcus Hart
<b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b>	18 July 2024