

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

APPROVAL TO PUBLISH THE STATUTORY PROPOSALS INCLUDING PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENCEMENT OF REPRESENTATION STAGE FOR THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE OF AGE RANGE OF THE ABBEY PARK FIRST AND NURSERY SCHOOL FROM 3 – 9 YEARS TO 2 – 11 YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 2025, TO AMALGAMATE WITH ABBEY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TO ALTER THE SEN PROVISION

Date of Decision	22 August 2024
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education
Brief Description of Decision	Following the Cabinet report on the Pershore Review in March 2024 and agreement to consult on a co-ordinated change of age range in the Pershore Education Planning Area to a two tier system of education, the Cabinet Member approves the publication of the public notice and commencement of representation stage for the proposal to change of age range of Abbey Park First and Nursery School from 3-9 years to 2-11 years from September 2025 to amalgamate with Abbey Park Middle school and to alter SEN provision.
Reason(s) for Decision	Following changes to the Pershore Education Planning Area this decision will ensure clear and quality education journeys for pupils in Pershore and the surrounding villages.
Alternative Options Considered and Rejected	Do not approve – Rejected as the existing 3-tier system is not sustainable and puts the Local Authority at risk of failing in its Statutory Duty to ensure sufficiency of good school places.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted	None notified

Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	
Signature of Decision Maker	Cllr David Chambers
Date of Implementation of Decision	2 September 2024