

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### Approval For Change the Age Range of the Grove Primary School

<b>Date of Decision</b>	09 August 2024
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	<b>The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education:</b> <b>approved the change of age range of the Grove Primary School from 2 – 11 years to 3 – 11 years from 1st January 2025 as per their delegated authority in relation to prescribed alterations to maintained schools</b>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>One response was received during this representation period, an objection to the proposal.</p> <p>In accordance with the delegation of authority given by the Leader of the Council on 25 April 2018, the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education is able to decide following statutory proposal and Public Notice (representation period) where objections are received, and it can it be shown that the decision is still lawful and appropriate. This authority was endorsed by Cabinet in January 2020.</p> <p>The objection was received from a parent carer of a pre-school age child at the school. The key reasons for objection relate to concern that the child would be without provision in the Autumn Term prior to the child turning 3 years of age.</p> <p>This objection was received prior to the school discussing the proposal with parent carers. The school provided all parent carers impacted with a list of alternative early years settings that were able to offer funded places for two year olds for September 2024. The Local Authority provided this list to the school after ringing round all settings to find out place availability. There are alternative places available within 1 mile of the Grove Primary School.</p> <p>The response received has been considered and it is still recommended that this change is approved, however implemented will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 rather than 1<sup>st</sup></p>

	September 2024. Further details are provided in the Cabinet Member with Responsibility decision report.
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	Do not approve – Rejected as the proposal supports the changes required to deliver an Early Years Foundation Stage Unit at the Grove and enable the incoming Academy Trust opportunities to delivery other early years and wrap around provision from the Infant building. The Local Authority continues to ensure sufficiency of early education places
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None
<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Cllr David Chambers
<b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b>	19 August 2024