

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Education Sufficiency Annual Update
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Simon Geraghty (Chairman), David Chambers, Marcus Hart, Adam Kent, Steve Mackay, Karen May, David Ross and Emma Stokes.
Date of Decision:	6 February 2025
Purpose:	To consider the annual sufficiency information for childcare, mainstream school and SEND education provision.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) noted the updated annual sufficiency information for Childcare Sufficiency, Mainstream school and SEND education provision in line with the Cabinet decision in December 2018; (b) noted the demand on Childcare, Mainstream and Specialist SEND educational provision and places, the Sufficiency duties highlighted in the reports and the indicative actions plans to address sufficiency pressures; (c) noted the decisions from the Pershore Review, the next steps and timeline for change; (d) approved the publication of the 2024/25 Childcare, Mainstream and SEND Sufficiency reports; (e) noted the demand on the education capital programme to fund additional provision and places to meet the education sufficiency duties including increased costs to deliver secondary school places for Bromsgrove and Worcester City pupils;

	<p>(f) noted the outcome of the feasibility studies to identify options to provide sufficient year 9 places for Bromsgrove high pupils from 2025 onwards;</p> <p>(g) noted the outcome of the pre-feasibility studies to identify options to provide sufficient year 7 places for Worcester City Secondary pupils for 2026 and 2027;</p> <p>(h) noted that the delegations made to the Director of Commercial and Change by Cabinet on 18 November 2021 in relation to the new Worcester City Secondary School are now delegated to the Director of Economy and Infrastructure; and</p> <p>(i) noted a further report will be presented to Cabinet in Spring 2025, to include a cost and delivery update for the sufficiency of secondary school places for Worcester City pupils.</p>
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report. To ensure the Council meets its statutory duty, as well as its strategic aims, to provide a sufficiency of school places for children in Worcestershire.
Alternative Options Considered:	The approaches taken to addressing changes in the demand for school places were set out in the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	13 February 2025

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