

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 April 2017

**Decision No:** (CAB 16/17 18783)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	EDUCATION AND SKILLS
SUBJECT:	GREAT OAKS SPECIAL SCHOOL EXPANSION
AUTHOR:	Kevin Verdon

### THE DECISION

Having complied with paragraph 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules:

- (i) To approve the expansion of Great Oaks from an Approved Pupil Number (APN) of 178 to an APN of 212
- (ii) To authorise the Service Director, Children and Families Services, in consultation with the Service Director - Finance & Commercialisation, to take any action necessary to give effect to aforementioned expansion.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This report is submitted for consideration as a General Exception under paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the City Council's Constitution, notice having been given to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panel and the Public. The matter requires a decision to comply with the Council's duty to fulfil its duty as the decision-maker in prescribed alteration to schools.
2. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that all children who want a school place in the city are allocated one.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Do nothing. This would result in children not being allocated a place at Great Oaks and they will inevitably have to be accommodated in out of city schools at much increased cost to the Council.
2. Increase the size of another school in the city. Realistically, Great Oaks is the only school that can cater for the needs of these children.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 18 April 2017

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*