

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Wednesday, 3 August 2011

**Decision No:** (CAB 09/10 6688)

DECISION-MAKER:	OFFICER DECISION MAKING
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Children's Services and Learning
SUBJECT:	Relocation of the Compass Centre Pupil Referral Unit to the Millbrook Secondary School Site
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### THE DECISION

- (i) To consider and take into account the outcome of stakeholder consultation, as set out in Appendix 1
- (ii) To determine whether or not to approve the relocation of the Compass Centre PRU provision to the site previously occupied by the Millbrook Community School, effective from 5 September 2011

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Compass Centre PRU currently provides alternative learning for the city's permanently excluded Key Stage 3 pupils. However, the Compass Centre's present accommodation is deemed to be unsuitable, against both quantitative and qualitative measures. Furthermore, there is a need to expand this provision to cover primary-aged pupils (for which there is currently no permanent base in the city). The Compass Centre does not presently have sufficient space to accommodate such an expansion in provision.

Owing to the fact that the Compass Centre has insufficient space to accommodate its current and changing needs (and taking into account the fact that there is no scope to expand the existing buildings), it is perceived that it is necessary to relocate the PRU to a larger site. Due to its proximity with the Compass site, its being ideally suited to educational reutilisation and the fact that it has recently been vacated, the former Millbrook Community School site has been identified as the preferable alternative location in this respect.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The existence of alternative options for the relocation of the Compass Centre PRU would necessarily be reliant upon the existence of alternative sites that were readily accessible and provided suitable facilities for this type of provision. However, there are no other vacant sites in the city that have the same level/standard of pre-established educational provision waiting to be utilised. As such, there are no other

competing alternatives for a potential relocation.

The option of not relocating this provision would present the authority with a significant issue in terms of the Compass Centre being unable to accommodate the proposed expansion in provision (to primary-aged pupils). The only realistic means of overcoming this would be to locate the Key Stage 1 & 2 provision at the Millbrook site, whilst retaining the Key Stage 3 provision at the Compass site. However, this would fail to deliver improved accommodation for the Key Stage 4 provision and would result in the authority incurring the increased costs associated with operating provision across a split site. As such, this option has been rejected.

**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: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011

Decision Maker: Clive Webster,  
Executive Director of Children’s Services  
and Learning

Proper Officer:  
Claire Heather

**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 ( <i>if applicable</i> )