

Cabinet

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	18 July 2018
<u>Cabinet Member(s)</u> Andrew Parry – Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Education, Learning and Skills	
<u>Local Members</u> All Members	
<u>Lead \director(s)</u> Nick Jarman – Director for Children’s Services	
Subject of Report	Complex Communication Needs and Social Emotional and Mental Health Specialist Provision
Executive Summary	<p>Further to the Cabinet decision on 6 April 2018 to invest in specialist provision for children with Complex communication Needs (CCN), and Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs, a public consultation has been carried out. This is to change the provision at a number of Maintained Schools to establish Special Education Needs (SEN) provision and change the age range.</p> <p>This is required under Schedule 3 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013.</p> <p>The schools concerned are :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parley First School – The Local Authority will provide 10 places at a Complex Communication Needs Specialist Resource Provision within Parley First School from the 1 September 2018.2. West Moors Middle School – The Local Authority will provide 10 places at a Complex Communication Needs Specialist Resource Provision within West Moors Middle School from the 1 September 2018.3. Dorchester Learning Centre – The Local Authority will provide 24 places at a Social, Emotional and Mental Health Unit at the

	<p>Dorchester Learning Centre at Monkton Park from the 1 September 2018. In addition, the Dorchester Learning Centre will extend its age range of provision from 11-16 to a new age range of 4 -16.</p> <p>4. The Forum Centre - The Local Authority will provide 8 places at a Social, Emotional, Mental and Health Unit at The Forum Centre in Blandford from the 1 September 2018. In addition, The Forum Centre will extend its age range of provision from 11-16 to a new age range of 4-16.</p> <p>5. The Compass Learning Centre - The Local Authority will provide 24 places at a Social, Emotional, Mental, Health Unit at The Compass Learning Centre in Weymouth from the 1 September 2018.</p> <p>During the 4 week consultation period from the 24 May 2018, there were no responses.</p>
<p>Impact Assessment:</p>	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment:</p> <p>This will provide more specialist provision closer to home for families and children, and no group will be adversely affected.</p> <hr/> <p>Use of Evidence:</p> <p>Significant evidence was provided to the April Cabinet meeting regarding the need for more specialist provision.</p> <hr/> <p>Budget:</p> <p>It is expected that by providing more local authority specialist provision closer to home, that children will avoid the need for more expensive independent provision outside of the county of Dorset, and reduce the travel times and costs.</p> <hr/> <p>Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:</p> <p>Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk LOW</p> <hr/> <p>Outcomes :</p> <p>Children will be able to access more specialist education closer to home</p>

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	Other Implications: None						
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Cabinet formally agrees to the provision of CCN Bases at Parley First school and West Moors Middle school from 1 September 2018 2. That the Cabinet formally agrees to the provision of SEMH Bases at 3 Dorset Learning Centres (Compass, Dorchester, and Forum) from 1 September 2018 3. That the Cabinet formally agrees to the change in age range to 4 to 16 at the Dorchester and Forum Learning Centres. 						
Reason for Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable the above schools to meet the specialist needs of children in Dorset, and in accordance with statutory regulations • An assessment of sufficiency has determined that these specialist places are required 						
Appendices	Appendix 1: - Statutory Consultation Notice						
Background Papers							
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The recent sufficiency assessment identified the need for additional specialist provision within Dorset, to meet the needs of children closer to home.
- 1.2 Significant consultation has been carried out with schools and relevant stakeholders and groups. A further public consultation has also taken place.
- 1.3 The decision has been made regarding a number of changes to provision at several schools so far, who will provide a CCN or SEMH Base for children with complex needs. This provision will be operational from September 2018.
- 1.4 There will be further schools identified later this year, who will be operational from September 2019, and a further paper will follow during the year as part of this work.

2. The Proposal and the reasons why.

- 2.1 The proposals are to introduce Resourced Provision Bases at a number of schools, as detailed above.
- 2.2 The proposal is also to extend the age range to 4 to 16 at 2 Learning Centres, as detailed above.
- 2.3 This will allow the Local Authority to provide more specialist education closer to home for children and their families, avoiding additional costs and travel times. This will also allow more children to remain with their community and with their families.

3. Statutory Legal Process

- 3.1 These proposals have been consulted on as required under Schedule 3 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013.
- 3.2 In order for a Community Maintained school to establish / remove / alter a Special Education Needs provision, and any proposal to change the age range. a full Statutory process has to be undertaken.

4. The responses to the Consultation

- 4.1 There were no responses to the consultation

5. Recommendation

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- b) That the Cabinet formally agrees to the provision of SEMH Bases at 3 Dorset Learning Centres (Compass, Dorchester, and Forum) from 1 September 2018
- c) That the Cabinet formally agrees to the change in age range to 4 to 16 at the Dorchester and Forum Learning Centres.

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