



## **Summary of Decision**

Decision Maker: The Executive

Date of Meeting: 29 April 2020

Subject of Report: Expansion of Westhaven Special School to accommodate Post-16 pupils aged 16-19

Town or Parish: All

Officers/Member Presenting: Cllr Catherine Gibbons Executive Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning

Key Decision: Yes

The Director of People and Communities presented the report. She summarised the recommendations in the report following a consultation undertaken by Westhaven School. The proposals would achieve parity with other special schools and would provide the opportunity for the small number of pupils who would benefit from an extended time at the school to prepare themselves for further education, apprenticeships or employment.

Councillor Gibbons welcomed the proposals and the additional option this provided for those pupils requiring additional support before moving on to further education or employment.

### **Resolved:**

- (1) that the expansion in age range of Westhaven Special School from an age 4 – 16 to an aged 4 – 19 special school be approved with effect from 1 September 2020;
- (2) that an intake of up to 10 pupils across the schools new post-16 provision across the two years 12 and 13 cohorts be approved from 1 September 2020; and
- (3) that the increase in capacity of the school overall from 138-places to 156-places following a recent review of the use of space on the school site be approved.

### **Reasons for the decision:**

As set out in the report and discussed above.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the report and discussed above.

**Date of decision:** 29 April 2020

**Effective from:** 29 April 2020 and plans to proceed will go ahead subject to the decision not being called in by 5.00pm Wednesday 13 May 2020.

### **Accompanying Documents:**

<https://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/Meetings/document/report/NSCPM-111-527>

### **Minutes of the meeting to be published at:**

<https://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/Meetings/ByCommittee/14/2019/39>

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