

**DECISION RECORD SHEETS FOR DECISIONS MADE AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026**

98. New Resourced SEND Provision at Wokingham Primary phase schools

ACTION BY: Director, Children's Services - Emma Cockerell

DECISION

RESOLVED that the Executive approved the proposals for:

- a) a 12-place SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) Unit for pupils with Autism and Speech, Language and Communication Needs at the Walter Infant School in Wokingham;
- b) a 16-place SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) Unit for pupils with Autism and Speech, Language and Communication Needs at the St Paul's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Junior School in Wokingham; and
- c) a 12-place SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) Unit for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs at the Winnersh Primary School in Winnersh.
- d) noted that the capital works associated with these three schemes form an integral component of the SEND Sufficiency Statement and are already allowed for within the 2025/26 MTFP, with a total value of £2,020,000 across the three projects.

Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to determine proposals that will, if approved, increase the number of specialist places for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in the Borough, to both improve the quality and accessibility of local provision and to reduce future spend from both the High Needs Block of the Council's Dedicated Schools' Grant and the Home to School Transport budget. The result will be an improved education service, delivered in a financially sustainable manner.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None.

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None.

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

Not applicable