



## **Summary of Decision**

Decision Maker: The Executive

Date of Meeting: 27 April 2022

Subject of Report: Expansion and Creation of a Second Site for Baytree School

Town or Parish: All

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

Key Decision: Yes

The Executive Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning presented the report. She summarised the recommendations in the report following a consultation undertaken by the Council. She noted that the council has a statutory duty to provide education for pupils with Severe and Profound Learning Difficulties. She added that the current site was no longer capable of providing the physical facilities required by some pupils or for meeting demand locally for places.

In presenting her report, she highlighted that an additional capital budget of £3.2m was required as a result of project delays, historical levels of inflation in the construction industry and the need for robust project management. She added that the delays had enabled further consultation to take place. The responses from the additional consultation were detailed in the report.

In discussing the report, members noted their disappointment in the delays to the project that were impacting on the opportunities for current and potential Baytree pupils but welcomed the positive responses during the additional consultation period from residents of North Somerset who would not directly benefit from the construction of the school.

### **Resolved:**

(1) that the Executive approved the expansion and creation of a second site for Baytree School, The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston super Mare from a 72-place provision to a 120-place school located on the existing site and a new site off Brookfield Walk, Clevedon with effect from, at the earliest, 1 September 2023; and

(2) that the Executive approved the additional capital budget of £3,202,020 as noted within the financial section of this report to enable a revised project budget of £18,297,020.

### **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:** 27 April 2022

**Effective from:** 27 April 2022 and plans to proceed will go ahead subject to the decision not being called in by 5.00pm Tuesday 10 May 2022.

**Accompanying Documents:**

<https://n-somerset.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s3314/10%20Expansion%20and%20Creation%20of%20Second%20Site%20for%20Baytree%20School.pdf>

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

<https://n-somerset.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=152&MId=795&Ver=4>

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**Local Authority:** North Somerset Council