

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD – EXECUTIVE DECISION

1.	Decision:	That, having considered the outcome of the public consultation and having consulted with the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Lifelong Skills, the proposed change of age-range at the Island Learning Centre (ILC) from 5-16 to 11-16, therefore removing the current primary provision on and from 1st September 2023, be approved.
2.	Date above decision made:	30 March 2023
3.	Reason(s) for the decision:	Changing the age-range to 11-16 enables the primary provision to be removed from ILC and replaced by an Island based extension of Hampshire’s Primary Behaviour Service (PBS). This is an established service with a successful track record in short-term intervention, reductions in exclusion/suspension rates and good impact of work to improve policy and practice, at both individual pupil and whole school level. Its annual survey consistently shows overwhelmingly positive impact and responses from schools. Some primary schools on the Island have been purchasing PBS support ad hoc and have also benefited from input by PBS funded through the Well-being for Education Return/Recovery grant. Again, feedback has been very positive, and a number of primary schools have expressed an interest in a PBS model for Island schools. The leadership and management committee of the ILC is in support of the proposal, in order that attention can be focused on one age phase and that demand can be better met. The current ILC staffing structure comes at significant cost as it has two dedicated sets of staff for different age phases, which the management committee believes is contributing to a budget deficit.
4.	Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision:	<u>OPTION A</u> To not change the age-range at the Island Learning Centre (ILC) from 5-16 to 11-16, meaning status quo remains. <u>OPTION B</u> To delay the removal of the primary provision at the ILC to January 2024 to allow further time to establish the Primary Behaviour Service (PBS).
5.	Any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is	None

	consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:	
6.	In respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service	N/A
7.	Report(s)/Background Papers:	Report of Change of age range from 5-16 to 11 – 16 at the Island Learning Centre, Newport, Isle of Wight.
8.	Name and post of decision-maker	Steve Crocker Director of Children's Services
9.	Date of decision record:	30 March 2023
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