Summary of Decision

Decision Maker: The Executive
Date of Meeting: 28 April 2021
Subject of Report: Expansion of Ravenswood Special School from a range of 112 to 119 places to a range of 134 – 140 places to help to meet the increasing demand for pupil places for those with moderate learning difficulties
Town or Parish: All
Officers/Member Presenting: Cllr Catherine Gibbons, Executive Member for Children's Services & Lifelong Learning
Key Decision: Yes

Councillor Gibbons presented the report. She referred to the increasing demand for places for pupils with learning difficulties and the benefits of providing enough local provision to satisfy this demand. She referred to the consultation process that had been undertaken and the positive support for the proposals. The Children and Young People's Services Panel was supportive of the proposals as was the school's governing body. She confirmed local provision would avoid many pupils having to travel long distances or out of area to access a suitable school, and that any required capital improvements would have regard to energy efficiency and sustainability standards.

Resolved: that the expansion of Ravenswood Special School, Nailsea from a range of 112 - 119 places to a range of 134 – 140 places to help to meet the increasing demand for pupil places for those with moderate learning difficulties 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: 28 April 2021
Effective from: 28 April 2021 and plans to proceed will go ahead subject to the decision not being called in by 5.00pm Tuesday 11 May 2021.
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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