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REFERENCE: CS-03-14

PROPOSAL TO EXPAND GREENTREES PRIMARY SCHOOL, SALISBURY, AND TO ESTABLISH A RESOURCE BASE FOR UP TO <u>14 AUTISTIC CHILDREN</u>

Purpose of Report

To ask the Cabinet Member to approve the statutory proposals published by Wiltshire Council on 1 May 2014 to expand Greentrees Primary School, Salisbury, and to establish a resource base for up to 14 autistic children.

Consultation

A period of statutory consultation in January and February 2014 preceded the publication of the statutory proposals. The public notice period has been six weeks.

Options Considered

The option to open another primary school rather than expand Greentrees was considered. However, Greentrees is an outstanding school, substantially oversubscribed and is close to the new housing at Hampton Park. Therefore, the proposal is most consistent with a policy of expansion of popular and successful schools.

Reason for Decision

The proposals published by Wiltshire Council have secured significant backing from the community of parents, and will help to secure the future of outstanding primary education in the locality.

DECISION MADE

I approve:

(i) The proposal to expand Greentrees School and to establish a Resource Base at the school.

This decision was published on 14 August 2014 and will come into force on 22 August 2014.

The following supporting documents are attached:

CS-03-14 - Report CS-03-14 - Appendix 1

Date: 13 August 2014

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Cllr Laura Mayes Cabinet Member for Children's Services