

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### DECISION FOR APPROVAL OF PUBLIC NOTICE ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF PUPILS AT WYRE FOREST SPECIAL SCHOOL AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATION STAGE.

<b>Date of Decision</b>	24 October 2025
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Cllr. Stephen Foster, CMR for Education and Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	<p>Approves the publication of the statutory full proposals and public notices to increase the number of pupils to 398 for January 2026 at Wyre Forest Special School.</p> <p>A report on the outcome of the consultation would then be considered by the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.</p>
<b>Reason(s) for Decision</b>	Insufficient Special School places across Worcestershire for the 2025/26 academic year.
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	The option of doing nothing or delaying delivery of Special School provision proposed is not feasible. It poses great risk to the Council in it not providing sufficient statutory school places and to parents in their not being able to secure a school place for their child(ren) within their local area.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None
<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Councillor Stephen Foster
<b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b>	3 November 2025