

<h2 style="margin: 0;">RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION BY CABINET</h2>

ITEM:	Education Sufficiency Annual Update
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Rob Wharton (Chairman), Alan Amos, Justin Bowen, Satinder Bell, Sue Eacock, Stephen Foster, Karl Perks and Nik Price.
Date of Decision:	5 February 2026
Purpose:	To consider the Education Sufficiency Annual Update
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the updated annual sufficiency information for Childcare Sufficiency, Mainstream school and SEND education provision in line with the Cabinet decision in December 2018; b) Noted the demand on Childcare, Mainstream and Specialist SEND educational provision and places, the Sufficiency duties highlighted in the reports and the indicative action plans to address sufficiency pressures; c) Approved the publication of the 2025 Childcare, Mainstream and SEND Sufficiency reports; d) Noted the demand on the education capital programme to fund additional provision and places to meet the education sufficiency duties with limited grant funding confirmed; e) Noted the option to increase places Tudor Grange Academy Worcester by 0.5FE (15 places per year group) for September 2029 will be managed through the council processes in accordance with the Council’s approved Capital Strategy; f) Noted the ongoing investigations to provide sufficient year 7 places for Worcester City secondary pupils from 2026 onwards referred to in paragraphs 60 to 83;

	<p>g) Noted that currently sufficient secondary school places for Worcester City secondary pupils from 2029 to 2035 will be provided through the expansion of Bishop Perowne CE Academy and Tudor Grange Academy Worcester and then through surplus places at other secondary schools, namely but not exclusively Dyson Perrins CofE Academy (the closest alternative school to Christopher Whitehead Language College) and Pershore High School (the closest alternative school to Nunnery Wood High School);</p> <p>h) Subject to recommendations (e) and (f), agreed and recommended to Council the budget line for the Worcester City Secondary School in the capital programme is renamed to Worcester City Secondary sufficiency schemes and the approved budget is reprofiled as per Appendix 5;</p> <p>i) Noted that once alternative sufficiency options have been identified a request to the Department for Education (DfE) to withdraw the new secondary school presumption proposal, referred to in paragraphs 136 and 137 may be made:</p> <p>j) Noted the ongoing investigations to provide sufficient year 9 places for Bromsgrove high pupils from 2026 onwards referred to in paragraphs 40 to 43;</p> <p>k) Approved the recommendations in exempt Appendix X to enable Regency High Special School to seek approval from the DfE to change the age range of the school and increase special school places in Worcester City; and</p> <p>l) Approved the recommendation to request the DfE continue to deliver Enterprise Academy, the special free school in Malvern, working with WCC and Macintyre Academy Trust to deliver the school at the earliest opportunity, referred to in paragraphs 120 to 125.</p>
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Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report. To allow the County Council to meet its statutory duty to provide sufficient, good quality childcare, early years and school and SEND places to accommodate children and young people in the County.
Alternative Options Considered:	None other than as set out in the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	12 February 2026

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