

Detailed Proposals for Relocation and expansion of centrally retained alternative provision and educational support services.

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3. Implementation and proposed stages for implementation

The implementation of the proposed developments will happen at the same time. Both the Futures Learning Centre (Lake), which will be located in Berry Hill, Lake, Sandown, PO36 9LH and the Futures Learning Centre (Cowes), which will be located in Love Lane, Cowes, PO31 7ET will be operational by 1 April 2013.

4. Objections and comments

- Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending representations to the Isle of Wight Council.
- A notice was published in the County Press in the week beginning 17 September 2012 and the closing date for representations will be by 5pm on Friday 2 November 2012.

Representations should be sent to:

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5. Alteration description

- Provision currently made at Thompson House, located in Sandy Lane, Newport, PO30 3NA and at Clatterford Tuition Centre, which is located in Watergate Road, Newport, PO301XW will be relocated to refurbished mainstream school accommodation to be known as the Futures Learning Centre (Lake), which will be located in Berry Hill, Lake, Sandown, PO36 9LH, from 1 April 2013.
- The accommodation will be used to make provision for three separate groups of children and young people:
 - (i) pupils up to the age of 11 years who are permanently excluded or in danger of being excluded from school;
 - (ii) pupils aged 11 years to 16 years who are permanently excluded or likely to be excluded from school and
 - (iii) pupils aged 5 years to 16 years who are out of school due to medical needs.
- Additional provision for up to 25 pupils with longer term needs and statements for social, emotional, behaviour needs, who are permanently excluded from schools across the Island, will be made in refurbished mainstream school accommodation to be known as the Futures Learning Centre (Cowes), which will be located in Love Lane, Cowes, PO31 7ET. This provision will be fully operational by 1 April 2013.
- Work Initiative in Support of Education (WISE) facilities currently based at Dodner Industrial Park will be relocated to refurbished specialist accommodation on both sites and expanded to provide a wider range of opportunities. The Cowes site will accommodate courses in car maintenance, boat engineering, computer aided design and woodwork. The Lake site will accommodate courses in food technology, bike maintenance and woodwork. As well as providing a range of vocational courses for pupils attending the Futures Learning Centres, WISE provision will continue to be available to mainstream schools wishing to make alternative provision for secondary aged pupils.
- A range of support services will be relocated onto each site. Those primarily concerned with supporting special education needs and early years' provision will be accommodated in separate provision on the Lake site. Other support services such as the Education Welfare Service and those concerned with managing behaviour and young peoples' mental health will be relocated to separate accommodation on the Cowes site.

5. Admissions

When pupils with a Statement for any Special Education Needs (SEN) are admitted to the provision, this will be managed through statutory processes, including an annual or interim review of the Statement.

6. The choice of proposed sites

Local authority officers considered the range of available sites following the reorganisation of mainstream schools across the Island and identified a number of sites for more detailed consideration. The proposed sites are suitable in size for refurbishment to provide the educational requirements of the pupils concerned and have sufficient, available exterior space for educational purposes, necessary car parking and the safe access and egress of pupils.

Officers believe that development of these sites will ensure the health and safety of all site users.

Consideration of the accessibility of the proposed sites indicates that there will not be any negative impact on the surrounding road system, compared with the previous use of the site.

7. Objectives

These developments will enable the local authority to fulfil statutory duties to deliver a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum for pupils with a statement of SEN and its duty to provide a full-time education for pupils excluded from school for more than five days.

Additionally, these proposals will support the Island's efforts to improve educational outcomes for all pupils.

8. Consultation

The council has completed its duty to consult on changes to provision for special education and considered the outcome of that consultation. This includes offering the opportunity for all on the recommended list of consultees to make representations.

9. Project costs

The capital cost of these proposals will be met through the agreed re-investment in education of resources identified through the reorganisation of mainstream schools across the Island. Estimated costs in the order of £1million have been set aside within the capital programme for 2012/13 to develop both sites.