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To: SCHOOL ORGANISATION ADVISORY BOARD – 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010

Subject: PROPOSED PRIMARY SCHOOL AT REPTON PARK –  
MODIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

Classification: UNRESTRICTED

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Summary: This report is to inform Members of the latest position relating to  
the proposed primary school at Repton Park, Ashford

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## **Background**

1. (1) Following a school competition process, in January 2008 the Local Authority approved a proposal from three named individuals to promote the planned primary school at Repton Park, Ashford. All of these individuals were governors of Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre, Tenterden. At that point in time the governing bodies were not able to promote new schools, thus three individuals were named. They proposed to establish a Trust, to be known as The Homewood Trust, to support the school. The three individuals were:

- Mr W Cotterell (Principal)
- Mrs J Kirk (Chair of Governors)
- Mr M Frey (Vice-Chair of Governors).

## **The Original Approval**

2. (1) The Cabinet Member's approval was subject to several conditions including; (i) formation of The Homewood School Trust and (ii) KCC's agreement to any further Trust Partners that join the Trust before the date of opening. Originally the school was to open in September 2010, but due to the reduction in house building this was delayed until September 2012.

## **The Modification**

3. (1) The circumstances of the original members of the Trust have changed and they are requesting a change of individuals who will form the Homewood Trust, and promote the school as follows:

- Mr I Kirkland (current Vice-Chair of Homewood School) to replace Mr M Frey.
- Mrs Sally Lees (Principal designate of Homewood School) to replace Mr W Cotterell
- Mr Wayne Wills (current Chair of Finance of Homewood School) to be added as a new member.

(2) Mrs J Kirk, Chair of Homewood School will remain as a named individual and all other aspects of the original proposal will continue.

(3) In light of the fact that The Homewood Trust will continue to be formed to promote the school, the request for a modification is not viewed as a significant change to the proposal. Given that the Members of a Trust will change over time, it would seem that the important issue is the continuation of the Trust, rather than the individual members of it.

### **Recommendation**

4. (1) Member's are asked to recommend that the Cabinet Member:
- agree the change of the named individuals as set out above;
  - agree to the addition of Mr Wayne Wills, as a promoter/partner to The Homewood Trust

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