

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

<p><b>DECISION TAKEN BY</b></p> <p><b>Mark Dance, Cabinet Member for Operations, Resources and Skills, CFE</b></p>
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<p><b>DECISION NO.</b></p> <p><b>08/01141</b></p>
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*If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972*

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED CLOSURE OF AXTON CHASE SCHOOL, LONGFIELD, DARTFORD AND ITS REPLACEMENT WITH A GOVERNMENT FUNDED ACADEMY</b></p>
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<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p><b>AGREED</b> to issue a public notice for the closure of Axton Chase School and reopen it as a government funded Academy.</p>
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<p><b>Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken</b></p> <p>None.</p>
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<p><b>Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information</b></p> <p>The Academy has attracted a high level of investment that will enable the new school to comprise of first-class facilities. This, alongside the more flexible curriculum and funding arrangements, should result in pupils achieving higher standards. It is the intention that the Academy will also provide improved life opportunities in the local communities. I keenly support the focus on vocational education at the Academy, in conjunction with the more traditional academic approach, as this will produced a skilled, employable workforce in the future.</p> <p>With regard to public opinion, the closure of Axton Chase School and its replacement with an academy is supported by the majority of respondents to the consultation, including the local member and students at the existing school.</p> <p>In light of this support and for the reasons given above, I support this decision.</p> <p><b>Background Documents:</b></p> <p>None.</p>
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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			