

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

DECISION NO.

MIKE WHITING

12/01975 (a)

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, LEARNING AND SKILLS

Unrestricted

Subject:

SEN Phase 1 approval to plan - The relocation of The Foreland School (Community Special)

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills, I agree to: a modification to decision (09-01292) made on 29 July 2009 by changing the location from Hartsdown Technology School to the new location at Pysons Road, Broadstairs. A map indentifying the area is attached as appendix 1 to this decision

Reason(s) for decision

The original proposal was not implemented as during the planning phase for the new school buildings, the Building Schools for the Future programme was stopped following a change of government. This withdrawal of funding impacted on a number of Special School Review projects and it has now become necessary to amend the original decision to reflect the change in the site.

The distance between the current Foreland School site and the Pyson's Road site is 1.8 miles as the crow flies. This means that a statutory consultation and the issuing of a public notice are not required by legislation. It is however proposed to hold a public information sharing meeting at the current site to make parents and other interested parties aware of the project and the plans for the new building

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

The Education cabinet committee considered the alteration to decision 09/01292 at its meeting held on 18 January 2013. The Committee unanimously supported the changes of site and recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills that the alteration should be made.

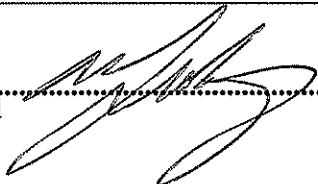
Any alternatives considered:

The school's current buildings have evolved over the last 40 years and are now too small, outdated and largely unsuitable for meeting their current purpose. The size of the school has grown over recent years and it is essential that the school is now provided with buildings that will meet future need and provide accommodation that will greatly enhance the educational experience and improve outcomes for the students. The site at Pysons Road is large and The Ellington and Hereson School also occupies part of the site. It is envisaged that there will be opportunities for sharing facilities and for student integration

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

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signed



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date

25/1/13