

**Amalgamation of Walmer Science College and Castle Community College
Decision:- 12/01977
(12 December 2012)**

Cabinet portfolio: Mr M Whiting, Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills

Synopsis: The report set out the reasons for the call in of the Cabinet Member's decision to issue a Public Notice to close Walmer Science College with effect from 31 August 2013, conditional upon the Secretary of State's agreement to the enlargement of Castle Community College.

Recommendations and responses:

- (1) Thank Mr Whiting, Mr Leeson and Ms White for attending the meeting and answering Members questions**
- (2) Request that a webpage be developed containing all information relevant to the proposal to amalgamate Walmer Science College and Castle Community College. This would allow all interested parties to easily access the information in one place.**
- (3) Ask the Cabinet Member for assurance that the Walmer Science College buildings, which were a public asset, would be retained for future educational use.**
- (4) Does not require reconsideration of the decision.**

**Fastrack Phase 1 Major Scheme – Compulsory Purchase Order Claim by Darent Valley Hospital Trust, Dartford
(12 December 2012)**

OPEN REPORT ON EXEMPT DISCUSSION

Cabinet portfolio: Mr R Gough, Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Performance and Health Reform.

Synopsis: The report set out the concerns of the Chairman and Spokespeople around this urgent decision

Recommendations and responses:

- 1. Thank Mr Gough, Mr Austerberry, Mr Farmer and Ms Crease for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions**
- 2. Urge the Cabinet Member to pass all information relating to the Council's advisors appointment and conduct of the Compulsory Purchase Order claim to the Council's Legal Department to determine whether there was a case for pursuing the Advisors for compensation. In particular the letter dated 30/11/2010, which in the opinion of the Scrutiny Committee, and Counsel, substantially weakened the County Council's negotiating position.**
- 3. Ensure that in future when urgent decisions are to be taken that the full facts are provided in any documentation to Members.**
- 4. Ask that the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee (or Property Sub-Group whichever is deemed most appropriate) review the Compulsory Purchase Order procedure, including the negotiation and valuation process and also to examine value for money issues.**

Cabinet Member's Response:

The Cabinet Member has asked for the relevant documents, as proposed by the Scrutiny Committee, to be passed to the Council's Legal Department and this has been done.

Date of Response:

26.01.13