

By:	Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director, Education, Learning and Skills
To:	Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills
Subject	Decision number: 12/02001/2 - Proposal to expand Hawkinge Primary School
Classification:	Unrestricted

Summary:	This report informs the Member of the results of the Statutory Public Notice for consideration and recommends the approval of the expansion as proposed
Recommendations:	The Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills is asked to agree to expand Hawkinge Primary School

1. Introduction

1.1 The Shepway District section of the Kent Commissioning Plan 2012-17 indicates a need to commission additional primary school places in the Folkestone area.

1.2 On 12 September 2012, Education Cabinet Committee endorsed the proposed decision of the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills that a consultation takes place on the proposal to expand Hawkinge School.

1.3 The results were reported to the Cabinet Committee in January and a proposed decision to issue a public notice was endorsed.

1.3 This report sets out the results of the public notice, which was published on 10 February 2013 and closed on 10 March 2013 and includes any recommendations made by Education Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 19 March 2013.

2. The proposal

2.1 It is proposed to enlarge Hawkinge Primary School by 15 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 60 (2FE) for the September 2013 intake. Successive reception year intakes will offer 60 places each year and the school will eventually have a total capacity of 420 places.

3. Response to the Statutory Public Notice

3.1 No responses objecting to the school expansion were received.

4. Education Cabinet Committee

4.1 On 12 September 2012, the Committee considered and endorsed the proposal to the expansion of Hawkinge Primary School. The Committee recommended a public consultation on the proposal

4.2 On 18 January 2013, the Committee considered the responses received and the comments made at the public meeting and discussed the concerns raised. The Cabinet Committee resolved to endorse the proposed decision (12/02001) to issue a public notice regarding the expansion of Hawkinge Primary School, to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills.

4.3 19 March 2013 the Cabinet Committee considered a report providing the responses to the public notice. The Committee considered the information and resolved to endorse the proposed Cabinet Member decision to expand Hawkinge Primary School.

5. Bold Steps and The Kent Commissioning Plan

5.1 This proposal will help to secure our ambition “to ensure every child will go to a good school where they make good progress and can have fair access to school places” as set out in ‘Bold Steps for Kent’.

5.2 The Shepway section of the Kent Commissioning Plan indicates the need to enlarge Hawkinge Primary School to 2FE.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 . An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and can be found at <http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/Hawkinge/consultationHome>.

No changes needed to be made to the Equality Impact Assessment following the Consultation period.

7. Recommendations

7.1 The Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills is asked to agree to expand Hawkinge Primary School

8. Officer Scheme of Delegation

8.1 The Cabinet Member should be aware that no specific officer delegations are included within the formal decision as the Officer Scheme of Delegation; under Appendix 2 part 4 of the Council’s Constitution, provides a clear and appropriate link between this decision and the actions needed to implement it. For information it is envisaged that the Director of Property & Infrastructure Support will sign contracts on behalf of the County Council in this instance

8.2 Officers performing tasks under the scheme of delegation are expected to keep the relevant portfolio holder informed of progress.

9. Background Documents

Hawkinge Primary School consultation document

<http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/Hawkinge/consultationHome>

Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

[http://www.ab-](http://www.ab-consulting.co.uk/Delivering%20Bold%20Steps%20For%20Kent,%20Education%20Learn%20ing%20and%20Skills.pdf)

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Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-2017

<http://kent590w3:9070/documents/b11518/FINAL%20Version%20Kent%20Commissioning%20Plan%20Education%20Provision%202012-2017%20-%20Published%2020%20September%202012%201.pdf?T=9>

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<http://kent590w3:9070/documents/g4880/Public%20reports%20pack%2012th-Sep-2012%2010.00%20Education%20Cabinet%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

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