

By:	Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director, Education, Learning & Skills
To:	Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills
Subject	Decision Number: 12/01961/2 - Proposal to expand Repton Manor Primary School
Classification:	Unrestricted

Summary:	This report seeks agreement to the continued implementation of the expansion to Repton primary school, following the completion of the Statutory Notice Period
Recommendations:	The Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills is asked to agree to expand Repton Manor Primary School

## **1. Introduction**

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

1.2 On 12 September 2012, Education Cabinet Committee recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills that a consultation takes place on the proposal to expand Repton Manor Primary School.

1.3 A report was received by the January meeting of the Cabinet Committee setting out the results of the public consultation, which took place between 8 November and 19 December 2012 and the public meeting was held on 4 December 2012.

1.4 This report details the outcome of the public notice period and any comments of the March Education Committee

## **2. The proposal**

2.1 It is proposed to enlarge Repton Manor Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 60 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 Repton Manor 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 Repton Manor 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 Repton Manor 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 Ashford section of the Kent Commissioning Plan indicates the need to enlarge Repton Manor Primary School to formalise the second form of entry.

## **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/ReptonManor/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 Repton Manor 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.

## **8. Background Documents**

Repton Manor Primary School expansion consultation document

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

Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

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

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>

Education Cabinet Committee report – 12 September 2012 – Primary Commissioning – Ashford District

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

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