

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

MIKE WHITING
CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, LEARNING AND SKILLS

DECISION NO.

12/02009

Unrestricted

Subject:

Proposal to expand Southborough Church of England Primary School, Tunbridge Wells

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills, I agree to:

- (i) ISSUE a public notice to expand Southborough Church of England Primary School, Tunbridge Wells,
And, subject to no objections being received to the public notice expand the school
- (ii) Expand the school

Should objections be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and expand the school to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 identifies a pressure in the Tunbridge Wells district in 2014/15, and a shortfall of places. The expansion of Southborough Church of England Primary School will address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at a good, popular school. In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 16 October 2012, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local MP, District and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; Governing Body of the school, the Staff and Pupils;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

12 September 2012

The Committee considered and endorsed the proposal to expand Southborough Church of England Primary School. The Committee recommended a public consultation on the proposal

19 March 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 (12/02009) to issue a public notice regarding the expansion of Southborough Church of England Primary School, Tunbridge Wells to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills

In addition the Committee agreed, owing to the timeframes, that if no response were received during the Public Notice and following consultation with the Spokesmen of the Opposition then the expansion can proceed without a further Cabinet Member decision.

The Cabinet Committee welcomed the decision of the Cabinet member to take a two part decision as above.

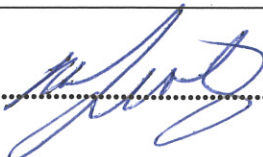
Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 explored all options and the expansion of this school was deemed the suitable option.

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

None

signed



date

25 March 2013