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To:	Education Cabinet Committee, 21 June 2013
Subject	Primary Commissioning – Swale District
Classification:	Unrestricted
Future Pathway of Paper	Public consultation
Electoral Division	Swale West

Summary:	This report seeks the views of the Education Cabinet Committee on a proposal to commission additional provision in Swale.
Recommendations:	The Education Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to carry out a public consultation on the enlargement of Rodmersham School from September 2014

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Swale section of Kent's "Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-2017" indicates a need to add a significant number of school places for Swale to manage the increase in numbers of children predicted to come forward.
- 1.2 The pressure on places was managed through temporary expansion for September 2012, adding 110 Year R places across Swale. Permanent and temporary expansion of some schools as outlined in the 12 September 2012 and 19 March 2013 reports to Education Cabinet Committee is going forward for September 2013 and 2014.

## 2. Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed to permanently expand Rodmersham School adding 5 places in Year taking their PAN to 15 (0.5 FE) from September 2014 and a total number of places of 105 by September 2020.

## 3. Financial implications

- a. Capital: Accommodation will need to be provided for September 2014 with an estimated cost of £200k.
- b. Revenue: The school will receive Growth funding for a maximum of three years to provide protection on the increased Year R admission number of 5 should pupil numbers fall short of this. The school will receive £6k for the additional classroom as a result of the expansion towards the cost of the non-staffing resources needed to set the class room up.

- c. Human: The school will appoint additional teaching and support staff as appropriate.

#### **4. Bold Steps and the Kent Commissioning Plan**

- 4.1 These proposals 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. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed for the proposal.

#### **6. Member Opinion**

- 6.1 The school is sited in Swale West division and the local member is Mike Baldock.

- 6.2 Mr Baldock has been informed of the proposal.

#### **7. Area Education Officer Opinion**

- 7.1 Marisa White, the Area Education Officer for East Kent fully supports the proposal. Rodmersham is an outstanding and popular school.

#### **8. The Views of the School**

- 8.1 The Headteacher and Chair of Governors fully support the proposal to expand the school.

#### **9. Recommendations**

- 9.1 Members are requested to endorse the recommendation as shown on page 1 of this report.

#### **10. Background Documents**

Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

[http://www.kent.gov.uk/your\\_council/priorities,\\_policies\\_and\\_plans/priorities\\_and\\_plans/bold\\_steps\\_for\\_kent.aspx](http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/priorities,_policies_and_plans/priorities_and_plans/bold_steps_for_kent.aspx)

Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-2017

<https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/education-and-learning/plans-and-consultations/strategic->

[plans/Commissioning%20Plan%20for%20Education%20Provision%20Kent%202012-17%20FINAL%20\(Sept-2012\).pdf](plans/Commissioning%20Plan%20for%20Education%20Provision%20Kent%202012-17%20FINAL%20(Sept-2012).pdf)

Education Cabinet Committee report – 12 September 2012 – Primary Commissioning – East Kent

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

Education Cabinet Committee report 19 March 2012 – Primary Commissioning Swale District

<http://kent590w3:9070/documents/s38809/Item%20B9b%20Primary%20Commissioning%20Swale%20District.pdf>

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