

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Roger Gough,  
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

**DECISION NO:**

13/00044

For publication

**Subject: Governing Body proposal to close St Philip Howard Catholic (Aided) Primary School**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, I agree to:

- (i) The Governing Body of St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School implementing their proposal to discontinue the school.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

- 1.1 The Governing Body of St. Phillip Howard met on the 25 February 2013 and voted on a resolution to consult on closure of the school due to a falling school roll, the school going into Special Measures following inspection in May 2012 and a projected budget deficit of £36,000 with further demands on the budget due to infrastructure needs.
- 1.2 The consultation period ran from 11 March to 26 April 2013 with a public meeting being held on 13 March 2013. The views expressed at the meetings and in the written responses were taken into account at a meeting of the governors on 29 April 2013 where the decision was made to issue the public notice.
- 1.3 The Public Notice ran from 2 May to 14 June 2013 and (at the time of print) no objections had been received
- 1.4 In reaching this decision I have taken into account:
  - The views of the Governing Body of St. Phillip Howard
  - the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 20 March 2013, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
  - the views of the Archdiocese of Southwark;
  - the views of the Local Members;
  - 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:**

19 March 2013

The Committee was informed of the Governing Body's decision to consult on the closure of the school and resolved: Officers consult Local Members of changes to schools in their electoral division and given the opportunity to comment be noted; and the information set out in the report and the proposed timetable for consultation including the timing of the Cabinet Member decision on closure be noted.

21 June 2013

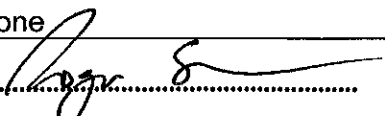
The Committee considered the responses received and the comments made at the public meeting and discussed the concerns raised. The Cabinet Committee resolved to endorse the proposed decision (13-00044) to agree to the Governing Body of St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School implementing their proposal to discontinue the school

**Any alternatives considered:**

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 identifies the issue of over capacity in primary provision in the Herne Bay locality and the need to consider removing capacity in the future.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:** None

signed



date

24/6/13