

From: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director, Education, Learning and Skills

To: Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

Decision No: 13/00042

Subject: The Charles Dickens School's Governing Body proposal to expand the school by adding a sixth form.

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: Education Cabinet Committee 21 June 2013

Future Pathway of Paper: Cabinet Member decision

Electoral Division: Herne Bay

Summary: Following the recommendations from Education Cabinet Committee on 21 June 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform is requested to take the decision to agree to the governing body of The Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs implementing their proposal to expand the school by increasing the upper age limit and adding a 6th form

Recommendations: That the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform agree to the governing body of The Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs implementing their proposal to expand the school by increasing the upper age limit and adding a 6th form

1. Introduction

1.1 The Charles Dickens School is a good and popular school that seeks to provide a sixth form that contributes to local provision and capacity. The school has for some time been discussing the idea of adding a sixth form with other secondary schools and further education providers in Thanet. Both parents and pupils have expressed a wish for The Charles Dickens School to provide opportunities post-16 as an extension of their existing pathways pre-16 and to reduce the number of pupils who do move on from the school and who drop out of education at their destination institution.

2. Financial Implications

2.1 The local authority will incur no financial costs from this proposal.

3. Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

3.1 This decision supports the vision set out in Bold Steps for Education: 'In Kent we should have the same expectations for every child and young person to make good progress in their learning, to achieve well and to have the best opportunities for an independent economic and social life as they become young adults.'

4. Consultation and Statutory Public Notice

- 4.1 The consultation period ran from 25 February to 5 April. In total 1037 responses were received of these: 833 in favour; 81 against; 123 undecided. The majority of those responding to the consultation agreed with the proposal including strong support from primary headteachers.
- 4.2 The Public Notice ran from 2 May to 30 May and no objections were received.

5. Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out at the start of this consultation and is available via the following link:
http://www.cds.kent.sch.uk/joomla/images/Master_-_Consultation_document_complete_Master_v4a.docx
- 5.2 The conclusion following the public consultation is that the presumptions made in the initial assessment still remain and that it is not necessary to initiate a further Equality Impact Assessment.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 Following considerable consultations it was clear to all parties that there was much support for the governing body of The Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs proposal to expand the school by increasing the upper age limit and adding a 6th form. The Cabinet Member is therefore asked to agree to the governing body of The Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs implementing their proposal to expand the school by increasing the upper age limit and adding a 6th form.

Recommendation(s)

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8. Background Documents

Report to Education Cabinet Committee on Decision number: 13/00042 The Charles Dickens School's Governing Body proposal to expand the school by adding a sixth form.

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40846/Item%20B1f%20Decision%20number%201300042%20The%20Charles%20Dickens%20Schools%20Governing%20Body%20proposal%20to%20expand%20th.pdf>

Consultation link - The Charles Dickens School's Governing Body proposal to expand the school by adding a sixth form.

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