

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Gary Cooke
Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

DECISION NO:

12/01974

For publication**Subject:**

Redevelopment of Kingsmead School (construction of the future St John's School, Canterbury)

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Democratic and Corporate Services, I agree to enter into contract for the refurbishment works to the existing Kingsmead building, the installation of new modular foundation class and reception buildings and the installation of temporary mobiles to allow both schools to operate on one site.

Governance:

The Executive Scheme of Delegation for Officers set out in Appendix 2 Part 4 of the Constitution (and the directorate schemes of sub-delegation made thereunder) provide the governance pathway for the implementation of this decision by officers. In this instance, the Director of Property, Infrastructure and Support (on behalf of the Corporate Director Business Strategy & Support) is expected to take all such steps as are necessary to implement the decision in line with the attached report but including any necessary minor amendments to the scheme.

Reason(s) for decision:

Over a decade ago, it was recognised that there was an urgent need to replace Diocesan & Payne Smith CE School because of the cramped conditions, health and safety concerns and escalating maintenance costs making it unfit for 21st Century education. Kingsmead Primary School accommodation is also desperately in need of refurbishment and the site in need of redevelopment. A solution to the unsatisfactory accommodation issues for both schools has continued to be sought. This proposal is now being brought forward for consideration to address these issues.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

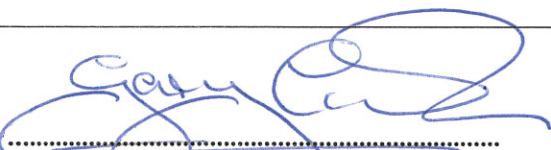
The Property Sub-Committee considered and endorsed the proposed decision at its meeting in February 2013.

Any alternatives considered:

Not progressing with amalgamation will limit the development of both schools and miss the opportunity to provide more modern and fit for purpose buildings for the pupils of both schools and those who attend St John's in the future.

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

None


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signed

9/10/2013
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date