

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO.

13/00084

Unrestricted

Subject: School Expansions - Detailed Plans and Allocation of Basic Need Funding

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, I agree to the allocation of funds from the Basic Need budget as set out in the following proposals:

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- i. St Botolph's Church of England Primary School (Aided), Gravesham. On 26 April the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision number 12/02007/2. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies have been completed and planning permission obtained and it is now planned that the school expand by 8 classrooms, including staffroom and hall extension plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £3,035,500.
- ii. Lady Boswell's Church of England Primary School (Aided), Sevenoaks. On 26 April 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision number 12/02008/2. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained It is planned that the school expands by 6 classroom, extension to hard play area and additional car parking at a cost of £1,500,000.
- iii. Stone, St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dartford. On 26 April 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision number 12/02011/2. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained It is planned that the school expands by 8 classroom, including additional hall provision plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £2,050,000.
- iv. Oakfield Community Primary School, Dartford. On 25 March 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision number 12/02016. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 7 classroom expansion, including additional hall plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £ 2,350,000
- v. Maypole Primary School, Dartford. On 28 February 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision 12/02021. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 4 classrooms, including additional hall provision plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £1,716,000.
- vi. St Mark's Church of England Primary School, Tunbridge Wells. On 26 April 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision 12/02010/2. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 6 classroom plus extension to staffroom, Head Teacher office & hall plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £2,500,000.
- vii. Southborough Church of England Primary School, Tunbridge Wells. On 25 March 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision 12/02009. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 6 classroom, hall, kitchen plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £3,300,000.
- viii. Langton Green Primary School, Tunbridge Wells. On 25 March 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision 12/02015. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that

the school expands by 6 classroom plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £2,400,000.

- ix. Lamberhurst St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Tunbridge Wells. On 2 October 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform agreed to expand the school under decision 13/00070. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 2 classroom plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £703,813.
 - x. The Discovery School, Kings Hill. On 25 March 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision 12/01962/2. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 2 classrooms plus SEN room provision at a cost of £ 299,975.
 - xi. Bromstone Primary School, Broadstairs. On 24 June 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform agreed to expand the school under decision 13/00002. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 10 classroom expansion provision of additional hall space plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £ 2,800,000.
 - xii. Ospringe CE (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School, Ospringe, Faversham. On 24 June 2013, the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform agreed to expand the school under decision 13/00008. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 4 classroom expansion plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £650,000.
 - xiii. St John's Church of England Primary School, Maidstone. On 28 November 2012, the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills agreed to expand the school under decision 12/01976. Following this decision detailed feasibility studies were completed and planning permission obtained. It is planned that the school expands by 5 classroom expansion, extension to Hall and Internal configurations to include a Resource Group Room plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £1,717,985.
 - xiv. Westlands Primary School (Academy), Sittingbourne - The Kent Commissioning Plan identified a need to expand Westlands Primary School and as the school is an Academy it completed its own consultation process in accordance with the law. Following the public notice feasibility studies were completed and once planning permission is obtained it is planned that the school expands by 3 classroom expansion plus provision of ancillary facilities at a cost of £450,000.
- (ii) authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support in consultation with the Director of Governance and Law to enter into any necessary contracts / agreements on behalf of the County Council.
 - (iii) authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.
 - (iv) In relation to other required officer actions not specifically delegated above, 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 implementation by officers.
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 - (iii) AUTHORISE the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken-
None

Reason(s) for decision, including response to any Cabinet Committee recommendations, and any alternatives considered

Pupil forecasts for the County indicate increasing demand for primary school places. The expansions of the schools' identified in this decision sheet and attached report are necessary to accommodate current pressure and support the increasing pupil population. In accordance with legal protocol Kent County Council carried out public consultations and issued public notices for each school expansion with the exception of Westlands Primary School as this is an Academy and followed the necessary legal requirements. To complete the process the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform is required to allocate the capital funds from the Basic Need budget for the proposed expansions to be completed.

Financial Implications

Capital: The accommodation required and associated costs are listed below.

Human: If required, the schools will appoint additional teaching and support staff at the appropriate time.

The costs given for individual projects are budget estimates and it is proposed that all projects are managed at a programme level within the overall Basic Need approved budget for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

As individual projects proceed from initial feasibility, through consultation and detailed site, building and planning considerations, initial budget estimates may be adjusted. Under the Executive Scheme of Delegation to Officers, those undertaking actions delegated to them are obliged to keep Members, in particular, the Cabinet Member informed. As part of this obligation where individual project costs vary from those set out in reports to Education Cabinet Committee, the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services will be consulted and will be asked to agree informally with the Director of Property Infrastructure that the changes can be managed within the basic need project budget. Members of Education Cabinet Committee are kept informed of changes through the regular Capital Monitoring Group meetings.

At any time the Cabinet Member may withdraw an undertaking from the scheme of delegation and escalate the decision to one that is taken at Member level via formal procedures.

Likewise at any time the officer with delegated authority may escalate a decision to the Cabinet Member for approval via formal procedure should they think it necessary.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Education Cabinet Committee at various meetings throughout 2012 and 2013 endorsed and/or made recommendations to the (former) Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills and the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform that the schools identified be expanded and public notices issued accordingly.

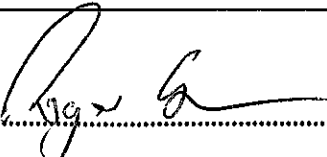
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The Committee considered the proposed decision and resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform he agree to allocate the capital funds from the Basic Need budget for the proposals identified above.

Background Documents:

Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17

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