

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,  
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00002

For publication

**Subject: Proposal to expand Chantry Community Academy, by 30 places from 1FE to 2FE.**

Decision:

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

- (i) Issue a public notice to expand Chantry Community Academy, by 30 places from 1FE to 2FE.

And, subject to no objections being received to the public notice

- (ii) Expand the school  
(iii) Allocate £6000 per classroom from the 'revenue re-organisation' for classroom improvements  
(iv) AUTHORISE the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council  
(v) 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

Should objections, not already considered by the cabinet member when taking this decision, be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and expand the school to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Gravesham section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 has identified a need for up to 53 additional Reception Year places within the planning area of Gravesham North for 2016.

The expansion of Chantry Community Academy will help to address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at an outstanding, popular school. In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 3 October 2013, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the District and Parish Councils, the local County Councillors; Governing Body of the school, the Staff and Pupils;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

**Financial Implications:**

It is proposed to enlarge Chantry Community Academy by 30 places taking the PAN to 60 (2FE) for the September 2014 intake and eventually a total capacity of 420 places.

Capital - The enlargement of the school requires the provision of 7 existing classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities. A feasibility study has been completed. The total cost to the Basic Need Budget is nil. There is a small cost of £6,000 per classroom for refreshment and refurbishment. The costs of the project are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed. If the cost of the project is

greater than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget on a 'per pupil' basis.

Human – Chantry Community Academy will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arise.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

**2 June 2013**

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places in the planning area of Gravesham District.

**14 January 2014**

The Cabinet Committee considered the proposed decision and discussed the concerns raised. and resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform he agree to decision (14/0002) to Issue a public notice to expand Chantry Community Academy, by 30 places from 1FE to 2FE.

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Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 explored all options and the expansion of this school was deemed the suitable option.

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

None

Signed

Date

21/1/14