

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00013

: For publication

Subject: Proposal to expand Garlinge Primary School & Nursery

Decision:

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

- i. Issue a public notice to expand Garlinge Primary School & Nursery, by 210 places from 3FE (90) to 4FE (120).

And, subject to the closure of the Public Notice a further Cabinet Member decision will be taken to:

- ii. Expand the school
- iii. Allocate £2,500,000 from Education, Learning and Skills Capital Budget.
- 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.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Thanet section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 has identified a need for up to 42 additional Reception Year places within Thanet district. The expansion of Garlinge Primary School & Nursery will help to address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at a popular and inclusive school. In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- The views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 8 January 2014;
- The views of the Governing Body and Staff of the School and the local Member of Parliament;
- The Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this

Financial Implications

It is proposed to enlarge Garlinge Primary School & Nursery by 210 places taking the PAN to 120 (4FE) for the September 2014 intake and eventually a total capacity of 840 places.

a. Capital: The enlargement of the school requires the provision of 9 additional classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities. A feasibility study has been completed and a planning application submitted. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £2,500,000. Appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital Programme. 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.

b. Revenue: For a period of three academic years from September 2014, the school will

receive protection for an additional 30 Reception Year pupils at the rate of £2,727 per pupil. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 will be allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

c. Human: Garlinge Primary School & Nursery will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

27 September 2013

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan on 27 September 2013, which identified a need to expand Garlinge Primary School & Nursery.

Local Member

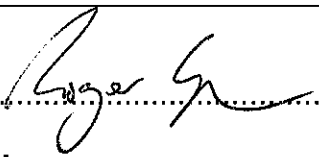
Jeffery Elenor Local Member for Thanet – Margate West has been consulted

Any alternatives considered:

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

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

None

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Signed

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