

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00036

For publication

Subject: Provision of two permanent classrooms in place of two temporary classrooms and expansion of the school hall at Challock Primary School

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate a total of £725k from the Education, Learning and Skills Capital Budget in order that the proposal may go ahead.
- (ii) 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
- (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

This decision is conditional upon the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by 1 August 2014.

Reason(s) for decision:

It is essential that this school is provided with the minimum accommodation it needs, including a hall of the correct size for the number on roll, and that the accommodation matches the current permanent accommodation. This school's willingness to expand when requested is testimony to its commitment to support delivery of high quality education to more children and to work with the LA to help it discharge its responsibilities. In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views of the, the local County Councillor; Headteacher and Chair of Governors of the school;
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications:

- a. **Capital:** The proposal is to provide an enlarged school hall to Challock Primary School and two permanent classrooms. A feasibility study has been completed. The total end cost is estimated to be in the region of £725k. Provision of the permanent accommodation will involve an initial cost of £975k but this will be offset by the release of the temporary classrooms for use on another project in the County, saving that project £250k. The costs of this 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:** There are no revenue implications arising from this proposal.
- c. **Human:** There are no staffing implications arising from this proposal.

Cabinet Committee recommendations:

27 September 2013

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan 2013-2018 which identified the need to expand and retain the current provision in the Ashford District.

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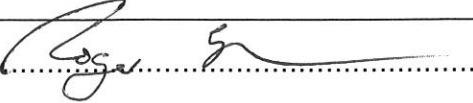
The Cabinet Committee considered the proposed decision and discussed the concerns raised. All Members of the Committee voted in favour of the proposal and resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform he agree to decision 14/00036 to

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Any alternatives considered: The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 explored all options and the permanent 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

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Signed

Date