

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

13/00003

For publication

Subject: Proposal to expand Cliftonville Primary Academy

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate £2,900,000 from the Education, Learning and Skills Capital Budget.
- (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

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

Reason(s) for decision:

The Thanet district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 has identified a future deficit of up to 116 Reception Year places in the Margate planning area in September 2017. The expansion of Cliftonville Primary Academy will help to address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at a good, popular school. In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

1. the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 17 January, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
2. the views of the local County Councillors; Thanet District Council and The Coastal Academies Trust (formerly the Dane Court Grammar School and King Ethelbert School Trust).
3. the Equalities Impact Assessment and any comments received regarding this; and
4. the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications:

It is proposed to enlarge Cliftonville Primary Academy by 210 places taking the PAN to 120 (4FE) for the September 2015 intake and eventually a total capacity of 840 places.

- a. Capital - The enlargement of the school requires the provision of 7 additional classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities. A feasibility study has been completed. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £2,900,000. 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 – The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget as follows:-

- Pupil growth money: For a period of three academic years from September 2015, the school will receive protection for an additional 30 Reception Year pupils at the rate of £2,727 per pupil.
- EFA Delegated Budget: Academies are funded on the academic year September to August. The pupil count used in the calculation of the budget is taken from the October census, prior to the following academic year, therefore any increase to numbers on the October 2015 census will be reflected in the academy's academic year funding September 2016 to August 2017. In acknowledgement of the lag in funding, growth funding will be provided for the period September 2015 to August 2016.
- Additional Classroom funding: For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 will allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

c. Human – Cliftonville Primary Academy 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, which identified a need for additional places in the Canterbury District.

14 March 2014

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 (13/00003) to

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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

21 March 2014

Date