

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,  
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00018

For publication

**Subject: Proposal to expand Joy Lane (Community) Primary School**

Decision:

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

- (i) Issue a public notice to expand Joy Lane Primary School, by 210 places from 2FE to 3FE.

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

- (ii) Expand the school  
(iii) Allocate £1,500,000 from the Education, Learning and Skills Capital Budget.

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

Reason(s) for decision:

The Canterbury district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 has identified a need for 29 Reception Year places within Canterbury District. The expansion of Joy Lane Primary School 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:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 30 January, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local County Councillors; Governing Body of the school and Staff;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and any comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

**Financial Implications:**

It is proposed to enlarge Joy Lane Primary School by 210 places taking the PAN to 90 (3FE) for the September 2015 intake and eventually a total capacity of 630 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 commissioned. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £1,500,000. 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 on a 'per pupil' basis.

c. Human – Joy Lane Primary School will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

**27 September 2012**

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 14/00018

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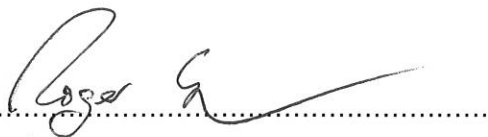
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Any alternatives considered:

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