

COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00029

For publication

**Subject: Proposal to permanently increase the Published Admission Number for Queenborough Primary School & Nursery**

Decision:

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

- (i) Permanently increase the PAN from 45 to 60 and temporarily increase the PAN to 90 for entry September 2014
- (ii) Allocate £1,500,000 from the Education, Learning and Skills Capital Budget.
- (iii) 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
- (iv) 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 July 2014.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Swale district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 has identified a significant pressure in Reception year places. The district of Swale is forecast to have a deficit of up to 98 Reception year places in September 2014. The Commissioning Plan identified a need to provide additional places on the Isle of Sheppey. Permanently increasing the PAN for Queenborough Primary School & Nursery 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 of the local County Councillor; Governing Body of the school and Headteacher;
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

**Financial Implications:**

It is proposed to permanently increase the published admission number of Queenborough Primary School & Nursery from 45 to 60 and to temporarily increase the published admission number to 90 for entry in September 2014.

- a. Capital – The permanent and temporary increases of the PAN requires the provision of 4 additional classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities. A feasibility study has been completed. 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 – Queenborough Primary School & Nursery will appoint additional teachers, as 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 Swale 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 **14/00029**


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Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 explored all options and the permanent increase of the admission number for 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