

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00057

For publication

Subject: Proposal to expand the Aspen I Provision

Decision:

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

Expand the Aspen I Provision by creating a satellite of the provision in Aylesham Primary School with effect from 1 September 2014.

Reason(s) for decision:

There is growing pressure in Dover for specialist places to meet the needs of primary aged children who have Profound, Severe and Complex Needs (PSCN). Kent's Strategy for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) aims to address, amongst other things, gaps in provision. Therefore the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2013-18) sets out the intention to commission 12 additional places for pupils with PSCN via Dover based provision.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 1 May, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local County Councillors; Headteachers and Governing Bodies of Whitfield Aspen School and Aylesham Primary School;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

- a. Capital – There are no capital costs involved in this project as Aylesham Primary School has sufficient capacity to accommodate the satellite provision.
- b. Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget as follows:-
Pupil growth money: Special Needs Provisions are funded using the DfE Place Plus funding methodology for High Needs Pupils. For September 2014 the Local Authority has agreed to purchase an additional 12 places at the Aspen I Provision
- c. Human – Whitfield Aspen School will appoint additional teachers and support staff in the Aylesham satellite as the satellite fills.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

4 December 2013

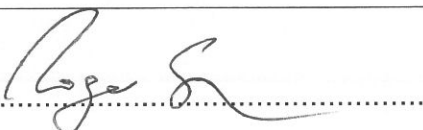
The Education Cabinet Committee endorsed the actions to implement key proposals set out in the SEND Strategy; and the Cabinet Member's recommendation to proceed with these plans be noted.

Any alternatives considered:

The SEND Strategy explored all options and the expansion of this provision was deemed the suitable option.

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

Signed



Date

10 June 2014