

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED 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 Rose Street (Community Primary) School

Decision:

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

- (i) Issue a public notice to expand Rose Street School, by 210 places from 1FE to 2FE.

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

- (ii) Expand the school
- (iii) Allocate £2,690,765.15 from the Education & Young People's Services 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.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Swale district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 has identified a need for up to 98 Reception Year places on the Isle of Sheppey. The expansion of Rose Street 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 consultation meeting on 16 June, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local County Councillor; 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 Rose Street School by 210 places taking the PAN to 60 (2FE) for the September 2015 intake and eventually a total capacity of 420 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 £2,690,765.15. 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 – Rose Street 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 Swale District.

23 July 2014

At its meeting the Cabinet Committee for Education and Young People's Services resolved to endorse the recommendation that the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform takes the decision to:

- (i) Issue a public notice to expand Rose Street School, by 210 places from 1FE to 2FE, conditional upon obtaining planning agreement for the additional accommodation required.

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

- (ii) Expand the school
- (iii) Allocate £2,700,000 from Education & Young People's Services Capital Budget.

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:

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Signed

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Date