

From: **Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform**

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To: **Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee – 24 September 2014**

Subject: **Decisions taken outside of the Cabinet Committee meeting cycle**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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Summary: The attached decisions were taken between meetings as it could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee for the reason(s) set out below.

Recommendations: The Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee is asked to note the decisions taken in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 6 of the Constitution.

- 1.1 In accordance with the new governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.
- 1.2 For the reason(s) set out below it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to it being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet. Therefore, in accordance with process set out in Appendix 4 Part 6 of the Constitution, the following decisions were taken and published to all Members of this Cabinet Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.
 - (i) Decision Number: 14/00078 Proposal to increase the designated number of places at Five Acre Wood School - The Education Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the proposal to carry out a consultation at its meeting on 14 October 2013. This subsequent decision was taken to issue a public notice and subject to no objections being received allocate the necessary funds to expand the school. To ensure the building works can begin on time the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle.
 - (ii) Decision Number: - 14/00097 Proposed Increase of designation pupil number and refurbishment of Oakley School, Tunbridge Wells. - The Education Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the proposal to carry out a consultation at its meeting on 14 March 2014.

To ensure that the building works can begin on time the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle.

- (iii) Decision Number: - 14/00098 Proposed Increase of designation pupil number and refurbishment of Ridge View School, Tonbridge. - The Education Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the proposal to carry out a consultation at its meeting on 14 March 2014. To ensure that the school can accommodate the increased number of pupils and that the building works can begin on time the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle

- (v) Decision Number: - 14/00100 Proposal to establish a Specialist Resource Base Provision at River Primary School for 12 pupils with Speech and Language Needs. The Education Cabinet Committee agreed to endorse the actions to implement key proposals set out in the SEND Strategy on 4 December 2013. To ensure that the school can accommodate the increased number of pupils the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle.

- (vi) Decision Number: - 14/00093 - School Expansions - Detailed Plans and Allocation of Targeted Basic Need Funding for the New Primary Schools. On 27 September 2013, Education Cabinet Committee received a report on Targeted Basic Needs Projects and the Committee resolved to: endorse the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform on the proposed decisions to expand and build at the schools and in the areas identified. To ensure that the building works can begin on time the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle.

2. **Recommended:** That the Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee is asked to note the decisions taken in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 6 of the Constitution

Background documents:

10.1 Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/priorities_policies_and_plans/priorities_and_plans/bold_steps_for_kent.aspx

10.2 Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s43253/ItemD3KentEducationCommissioningPlan20132018final.pdf>

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