

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00124

For publication

Subject: Proposal to change the age range of St George's Church of England Foundation School and enlarge the school by adding a 2FE primary provision, creating all through school for pupils aged 4 to 19 years.

Decision:

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

- (i) Issue a public notice to change the age-range of the school and enlarge the school by adding a 2FE primary provision.

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

- (ii) Change the age-range and enlarge the school
- (iii) Allocate £5.85m from the Education, Learning and Skills Capital Budget
- (iv) 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
- (v) (v) 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

Should objections, not already considered by me when taking this decision, be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

This decision is subject to planning permission being agreed.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Thanet district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 has identified a need for up to 87 Reception Year places in Thanet. Changing the age range of St George's Church of England Foundation School and adding a 2FE primary provision to the school site 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:

1. the views expressed by those attending the consultation meeting on 23 September, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
2. the views of the local County Councillor; Governing Body of the school and Staff;
3. the Equalities Impact Assessment and any comments received regarding this; and
4. the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications:

It is proposed to to change the age range of St George's Church of England Foundation School and

enlarge the school by adding a 2FE primary provision, creating all through school for pupils aged 4 to 19 years.

- a. Capital – The enlargement of the school by establishing a 2FE primary school provision. A feasibility study was commissioned. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £5.85m. Appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital Programme. 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 – Protection will be provided for three academic years on an agreed number of places. For the academic years starting September 2016, September 2017 and September 2018 protection will be provided on 120, 180 and 240 pupils respectively, in consultation with the school these numbers may be varied in relation to actual demand. Protection will be calculated on the number of agreed places times the relevant school funding factors. The sum of £6,000 will be allocated towards the classroom setup costs for each new class. The school will also receive a one off £50k lump sum.
- c. Human – St George's Church of England Foundation School will appoint appropriate staffing for the establishment of the primary provision, and additional staff as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

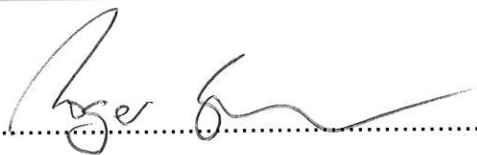
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The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places in the Thanet District.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 explored all options for providing additional primary school places. This proposal to provide primary provision on the St George's Church of England Foundation School site and change the age range of the school to create an all through school for pupils age 4 to 19 years 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

Date