

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00050

For publication

**Subject: Proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Five Acre Wood School and Holmesdale Technology College**

Decision:

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

- (i) Issue a public notice to:
- Increase the designed number of places offered at Five Acre Wood School, Boughton Lane, Maidstone ME15 9QF from 275 to 330 places for 4 January 2016
  - Establish a Satellite provision at Holmesdale Technology College, Malling Road, Snodland ME6 5HS for 70 students with moderate to severe learning difficulties for 4 January 2016.
  - Alter the lower age range at Five Acre Wood School, Boughton Lane, Maidstone ME15 9QF to include nursery provision for 1 September 2016.

And, subject to no objections, not already considered, to the public notice

- (ii) Implement the proposals according to the dates identified above
- (iii) Allocate £495,000 from the Basic Need 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) 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 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 in order to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the District and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; Governing Bodies of the schools, the Staff and Pupils;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

**4 December 2013**

Education Cabinet Committee were asked to endorse the actions to implement key proposals set out in the SEND Strategy.

**14 October 2014**

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places

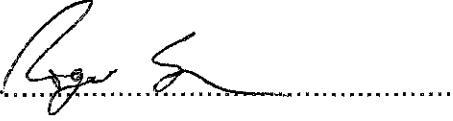
**8 July 2015**

The Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee endorsed the decision (as set out above) to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform.

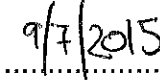
Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-19 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**

A handwritten date '9/7/2015' in black ink, written over a horizontal dotted line.

**Date**