

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00022

For publication

Subject: Proposed new primary school at Finberry, Cheeseman's Green, Ashford

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate £6m from the Education & Young People's Services Capital Budget
- (ii) 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
- (iii) 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

Reason(s) for decision:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2013-18) identified the need for a new 2FE primary school at Finberry, Cheeseman's Green in the Ashford district.

Financial Implications

- a. Capital – The total cost of the new school project is estimated to be £6m. 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
 - i. Furniture and Equipment - £6,000 per classroom will be provided towards the cost of furniture and equipment. This will be given to the new school's leadership team for them to undertake procurement.
 - ii. Start up Costs: KCC will provide a budget of £50,000 for start-up costs which will typically commence from January through to 31 August prior to the new school opening on 1 September 2015. This is to cover the costs of employing appropriate staff. On opening, the new school will be funded directly by the Education Funding Agency.
 - iii. Pupil Growth Funding: In accordance with the Pupil Growth Policy established by KCC and its Schools' Funding Forum, the school will receive guaranteed funding as follows:
 - Year 1 - 90 pupils
 - Year 2 - 120 pupils
 - Year 3 - 150 pupils
- c. Human – The school will appoint additional teachers and support staff as required.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

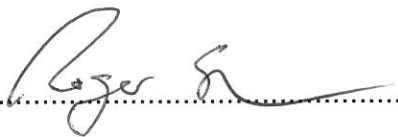
8 July 2015: RESOLVED that the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee endorsed the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to approve the following capital projects, and allocate funding, from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, of the following amounts in order that the proposals may go ahead:

- a. £6m to the building of Finberry School, Ashford.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2013-18) explored all options and the need to provide a new 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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15/7/15

Date