

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00003

For publication

**Subject: Relocation and expansion of Tunstall CE Primary School**

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate £2.3m 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 Education Cabinet Committee paper of the 14 January 2014 estimated the total cost of the rebuild and expansion of Tunstall CE Primary School on its new site to be in the region of £4.8m. Costs within the construction sector have risen significantly since the original estimates were made. The revised estimated project cost is now in the region of £7.1m and appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital programme, which includes funding from the Targeted Basic Need allocation made by the DfE in August 2013. As the revised estimated project cost is more than 10% of the original estimate, a further decision is required to allocate the additional funds of £2.3m.

**Financial Implications:**

It is proposed to enlarge Tunstall CE Primary 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 school will be rebuilt as a 2FE school on a site owned by KCC located approximately 500 metres to the north east of the existing school. The revised total cost is estimated to be in the region of £7.1m. 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 – Tunstall CE Primary 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 planning area of Swale District.

**8 July 2015**

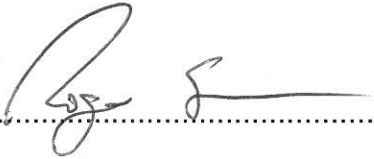
RESOLVED that the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee endorsed the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to approve the following capital projects, and allocate funding, from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, of the following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

- a. A further £2.3m for Tunstall CE Primary School, Swale.

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**