

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

For publication

Subject: The proposal to expand The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2PN

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate £2.5m 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 Tonbridge and Malling Section of the Commissioning Plan 2015-19 indicates that there will be a need for at least an additional form of entry within an existing grammar school by September 2016.

The Judd School is a Voluntary Aided Grammar School for boys, with a number of girls in the sixth form, situated in Tonbridge, Kent. There are around 1040 students aged 11-18, of whom nearly all go on to University. Judd School is consistently oversubscribed, graded outstanding by Ofsted and is ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand – indeed the school has admitted an additional Year 7 form of entry (30 students) as a temporary “bulge” in September 2013 and 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge The Judd School taking the school from 4FE to 5FE permanently from September 2016. This will provide a balance between selective and non-selective school places in the locality. The school is undertaking its own consultation process in line with Regulations on alterations to maintained schools.

Financial Implications:

- a. Capital – The enlargement of The Judd School includes the demolition of existing kitchen and part of the dining space and reinstatement of former external façade, erection of a new building providing four science labs and ancillary facilities, kitchen and a dining hall and the provision of nine additional car parking spaces and associated landscaping work. A feasibility study has been completed and the project has recently received planning approval. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £3.5 million of which £2.5 million will be funded from the Basic Need Budget and the remainder being funded by The Judd

School. 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 – The school will appoint teachers and support staff as required.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

24 September 2014

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional secondary selective places in the Tonbridge and Malling District.

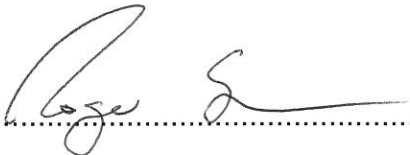
8 July 2015: RESOLVED that the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee endorsed the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to approve the following capital projects, and allocate funding, from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget,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

- a. £2.5m to the expansion of The Judd School, Tonbridge & Malling.

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:



Signed

15/7/15

Date