

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00091

For publication

Subject: Proposed alterations to Ridge View School (Tonbridge)

Decision:

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

Issue a public notice to:

- (i) Relocate Ridge View School to a site at Yeoman's Field, off Lower Haysden Lane, Tonbridge for 1 September 2017.
- (ii) Establish a Satellite provision of Ridge View School at Wouldham All Saints CEP School for 48 students with moderate to severe learning difficulties from 1 September 2017.
- (iii) Increase the designated number of places offered at Ridge View School, from 180 to 228 for 1 September 2017.

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

- (iv) Allocate £14.5m from Special School Review budget and £2.3m from the Targeted Basic Need budget, superseding decision 14/0098 taken on 2 September 2014.
- (v) Implement the proposals according to the dates identified above
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) 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:

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:

Education Cabinet Committee 15 December 2015

The proposal was discussed and the Committee RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation

Education Cabinet Committee 14 October 2014

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

Education Cabinet Committee 14 March 2014

The committee RESOLVED to endorse the proposed decision no14/0098 which was taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform on 2 September 2014 to allocate £14.6 million for the relocation of Ridge View School.

Education Cabinet Committee 4 December 2013

Education Cabinet Committee endorsed the actions to implement key proposals set out in the

SEND Strategy.

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger G", written over a horizontal dotted line.

Signed

16 December 2015

Date