KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform	DECISION NO: 15/00074

For publication

Subject: Proposed expansion of Hoath Primary School

Decision:

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

i. Issue a public notice to expand Hoath Primary School from 63 places to 105 places increasing the published admission number to 15.

And, subject to no objections being received to the public notice

ii. Expand the school.

iii. Allocate £950,000 from Education & Young People's Services Capital 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

This decision is conditional upon planning permission being granted

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 and allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Canterbury district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-19 has identified a need for 1,380 school places in the Herne, Sturry and Marshside planning areas, which exceeds the number of places available. Expanding Hoath Primary School from 63 places to 105 places will help to address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at a good, popular school.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

1. the views expressed by those attending the consultation meeting on 14 October 2015, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
2. the views of the local County Councillor; Governing Body of the school and Staff;
3. the Equalities Impact Assessment and any comments received regarding this; and
4. the views of the Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee.

Financial Implications:
It is proposed to enlarge Hoath Primary School by 46 places taking the PAN to 15 (.5FE) for the September 2016 intake and eventually a total capacity of 105 places. .

    a. Capital: The enlargement of the school requires the provision of 3 additional classrooms. A feasibility study has been completed the total cost is estimated to be in the region of £950,000. Appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital Programme. 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 growth funding for the expansion period from September 2016 until it reaches a capacity of 105. The sum of £6,000 will be allocated towards the setup costs of the additional classroom.

    c. Human: Hoath Minster Primary School will appoint additional teachers as the need arises and the school size increases.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee – 15 December 2015
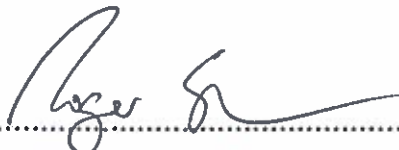The proposal was discussed and the Committee RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation
Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee 24 September 2014
Cabinet Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places in the Canterbury District.

Any alternatives considered:
The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-19 explored all options for providing additional primary school places. This proposal to expand Hoath Primary School has been deemed the suitable option.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

16 December 2016

Signed   **Date**