

FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS LIST SUBMISSION

Decision to be taken by: **Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform**

Date decision will be taken on or not before: January 2016

Decision No:
16/0002

Key decision? **Yes** Reason: Over £1m

Subject: **Proposal to expand South Borough Primary School, Stagshaw Close, Maidstone ME15 6TL from 210 to 420 places by September 2016**

The Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform is asked to consider and approve the recommendations to:

- (i) Allocate £2.6 million from the Basic Needs 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.

Is it expected that the Press and Public will be excluded for all or part of the discussion of the decision or that all or part of the decision documents will be exempt from publication? **NO**

This decision will support the objectives set out in Facing the Challenge by placing the customer

These proposals will help to secure our ambition “to ensure that Kent’s young people have access to the education, work and skills opportunities necessary to support Kent business to grow and be increasingly competitive in the national and international economy” as set out in ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council’s Strategic Statement (2015-2020)’

Financial Implications: will be outlined in the report to the Cabinet Committee. The officer Scheme of Delegation; under Appendix 2 part 4 of the Council’s Constitution, provides a clear and appropriate link between these decisions and the actions needed to implement these.

Equality Implications: Equality Impact Assessments can be found at:
www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme?
Yes

Has the matter already been discussed by a Cabinet Committee – if so, what comments were received?

The need to increase the number of primary-aged places in the Planning Group of Maidstone Central and South was set out in the Education Commissioning Plan 2015-19 which was endorsed by Education Cabinet Committee on 14 October 2014.

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

The Swale Academies Trust are responsible for undertaking an educational consultation. KCC will support the consultation will run from 11 January until 8 February 2016. Information will be provided on the South Borough Primary School Website and will be available on the KCC School Consultation webpage with details on how to respond.

School consultations can be found at: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision?
Dan Daley and Rob Bird (Maidstone Central)

Supporting Documents:

(Any documents that the decision taker is likely to rely on, or has relied on, in taking the decision)

Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council's Strategic Statement 2015-2020

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/corporate-policies/increasing-opportunities-improving-outcomes>

Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-2019

http://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/16236/Commissioning-plan-for-education-provision-in-Kent-2015-2019.pdf

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