

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00094

For publication

Subject: The Expansion of Barton Court Grammar School to 5FE

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I note the governing body's decision to expand the school and agree to:

- i. Allocate £2.2m from Education & Young People's Services Capital Budget being Kent County Council's contribution towards Barton Court Grammar School's building scheme to provide the additional form of entry.
- 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

This decision is conditional upon planning permission being granted.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Canterbury district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20 has identified a significant pressure on Year 7 places. The expansion of Barton Court Grammar School to 5FE 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 of Stakeholders who responded to the Barton Court governing body's consultation held between 30 June 2015 and 18 September 2015;
2. the Governing Body's decision following the consultation to continue with the proposed expansion of the school and seek approval from the Secretary of State
3. the views of the Local Member
4. the views of the Area Education Officer
5. the views of the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee.

Financial Implications:

It is proposed to permanently enlarge Barton Court Grammar School, increasing the PAN to 150 (5FE) for the September 2017 Year 7 intake.

a) Capital – Kent County Council's contribution towards Barton Court Grammar School's building scheme to provide the additional places will be £2.2m. The Academy has submitted the plans for agreement to Canterbury City Council and will submit a financial plan to the EFA to request Secretary of State approval to expand and bid for Condition Improvement Funding (CIF) for the capital required for their building scheme. The outcome is expected to be known by the spring term 2016. KCC's contribution is an estimate and KCC has acknowledged that the final amount may be higher or lower. KCC will work with the school throughout the process to ensure that any contribution for Additional Works is minimised as far as possible, but if this

increases by more than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

b) Revenue – For a period of three academic years, the school will receive protection for an additional 30 Year 7 pupils at the rate of £3,803 per pupil. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 will be allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

c) Human – As an Academy, the school will decide when to appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases incrementally.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

21 January 2016 Report to Education and Young Peoples Cabinet Committee

At its meeting the Cabinet Committee for Education and Young People's Services resolved to endorse the recommendation that the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform takes decision (15/00094) to:

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15 December 2015 Report to Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional secondary places in the Canterbury District.

8 July 2015 Report to Education and Young Peoples Cabinet Committee

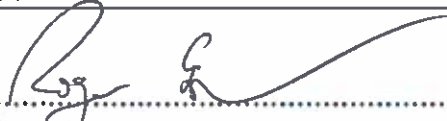
The Committee resolved to note the necessary actions required to increase Secondary school capacity to meet the demands of a growing Secondary school population as detailed in the report.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20 explored all options for providing additional secondary school places. This proposal to provide Basic Need capital funding towards the Academy's building project, will provide 150 additional selective places to meet predicted future demand in the Canterbury district.

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

N/A


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Signed

3rd February 2016
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Date