

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

16/00011

For publication

Subject: The Expansion of Canterbury High School to 7FE

Decision:

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

- i. Allocate £3.1m from 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

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 across the district. The expansion of Canterbury High School to 7FE 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 Governing Body's agreement to the proposal and their agreement to carry out an informal consultation with parents/carers, staff and governors.
2. The views of the Local Member
3. the views of the Area Education Officer
4. the views of the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee.

Financial Implications:

It is proposed to permanently enlarge Canterbury High School, increasing the PAN to 210 (7FE) for the September 2017 Year 7 intake.

- a) Capital – The enlargement of the school requires the provision of additional general teaching spaces, specialist teaching areas and facilities. A curriculum assessment and feasibility study has been carried out. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £3.1m. 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 – 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 (16/00011) 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.

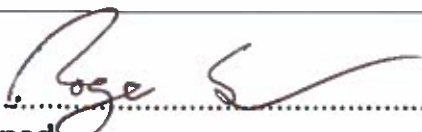
8 July 2015 Report to Education and Young Peoples Cabinet Committee

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. The proposal to permanently expand Canterbury High School to provide 150 additional secondary school places to meet predicted future demand in the Canterbury district was deemed a suitable option.

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


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Signed

..... 1 March 2016

Date