

FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS LIST SUBMISSION

Decision to be taken by: **Cabinet Member for Education and Young People's Services**

Date decision will be taken on or not before: **July 2016**

Decision No:
16/00033

Key decision? **YES**

Reason: **Requires a decision greater than £1m**

Subject: **Expansions to Schools in the North Kent Area**

Proposed decision: The Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform is asked to consider and endorse the recommendations to:

- (i) Allocate funds from the Education and Young People's Services Basic Need Budget in order that the proposals may go ahead:
 - a. Enlarge St George's CE School, in Gravesham, from 180 to 210 places per year for September 2017
 - b. Enlarge Northfleet School for Girls, Gravesham, from 175 to 200 places per year for September 2016
 - c. Enlarge Northfleet Technology College, Gravesham, from 164 to 190 places per year for September 2016
 - d. Enlarge Wilmington Grammar School for Girls, Dartford, from 120 to 150 places per year for September 2016
 - e. Enlarge Wilmington Academy in Dartford, from 200 to 240 places per year for September 2016
 - f. Extend the year groups to include Year 7, 8 and 9 making the Leigh UTC, Dartford a 7-11 plus sixth form, for September 2016
- (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**

How the decision relates to Facing the Challenge and Corporate Objectives

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 EYCC

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?

No

If not, when will be it discussed by the Cabinet Committee? and the date of the meeting

The proposals will be presented at three separate Cabinet Committees over the next 6- 8 months as the results of the public consultations are received.

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

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

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision?

The following members and divisions will be affected by these decisions

- St George's CE School, Cllr Narinderjit Thandi and Cllr Sue Howes, Northfleet & Gravesend West
- Northfleet School for Girls, Cllr Narinderjit Thandi and Cllr Sue Howes, Northfleet & Gravesend West
- Northfleet Technology College, Cllr Narinderjit Thandi and Cllr Sue Howes, Northfleet & Gravesend West
- Wilmington Grammar School for Girls, Ann Allen, Wilmington
- Wilmington Academy, Ann Allen, Wilmington
- Leigh UTC, Cllr Tom Maddison, Dartford North

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 2016-2020 (due to be published on 17 March 2016)

[Please notify Democratic Services should further documents be used to inform the decision]

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