

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00093(i)

For publication

Subject: Proposal to permanently expand Westcourt Primary School from 1FE to 2FE

Decision:

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

- i. Agree that a Public Notice be published to permanently expand Westcourt Primary School from 1FE to 2FE, and following a representation period of four weeks with no statutory objections received, implement the proposal.
- ii. Allocate £1.5m from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.

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 in order to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

This decision is subject to planning permission being granted.

Reason(s) for decision:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

1. The views received from the consultation with parents/carers, staff and governors.
2. The views of the Governing Body
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 has been agreed by the Governing Body to permanently enlarge Westcourt Primary School, increasing the PAN to 60 (2FE) for the September 2016 intake and eventually a total capacity of 420 places.

- a. Capital – Kent County Council's contribution will be £1.5m. KCC acknowledge that the final amount may be higher or lower as the costs of the project is an estimate. 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 Reception Year pupils. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 per additional classroom will be allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

c. Human – Westcourt Primary School will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

17 March 2017 report to Education and Young Person's 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 (15/00093(i)) 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 Sevenoaks District.


Any alternatives considered:

Forecasts for the Gravesham district indicate an increasing demand for Primary school places, due to small and medium scale housing development and inward migration.

This enlargement will add an additional 30 Reception Year places to the capacity per year, in line with priorities in the Kent Policy Framework, 'Vision and Priorities for Education and Young People's Services' and the 'Commissioning Plan for Education' (2016 – 2020).

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

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Signed

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Date