

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Gary Cooke, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

**DECISION NO:**

16/00043

**For publication**

**Subject: Kent County Council taking a long lease of part of the newly constructed special education needs school on Park Farm Road Folkestone Kent CT19 5DN.**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, I agree to the County Council taking a lease of part of the new Foxwood & Highview School on Park Farm Road, Folkestone, from the Kent SEN Trust on terms to be finalised by the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, and to part of that space being underlet to the East Kent Hospital University Trust health authority.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In accordance with the Property Management Protocol, leases in excess of 20 years in length need to be approved by Cabinet ~~Committee~~ *Member* 

The decision will enable the relocation of the current Disabled Children's Service and Health Service provision from the closing Foxwood, Seabrook Lodge site at Hythe and the Highview School in Folkestone, to the new school facility on the Park Farm Road Folkestone

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The Property Sub-Committee considered and endorsed the proposed decision at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Any alternatives considered:**

Consideration has been given to the KCC and Health Authority services remaining at either Seabrook Lodge Hythe or the Highview SEN school site Folkestone but the size and age of the buildings, their layout and the degree of obsolescence combined with the level of disruption and inconvenience to the children affected in moving them between separate sites weighed heavily against this.

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

None

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signed

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date

*2/6/2016*