

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

16/00034

For publication

Subject: Proposal to expand Sellindge Primary School by 0.5 FE.

Decision:

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

- a) Agree that a Public Notice be published to permanently expand Sellindge Primary School from 0.5FE to 1FE, and following a representation period of four weeks with no statutory objections received, implement the proposal.
- b) Allocate £836,000 from the Education and Young People's Basic Needs budget so that the expansion of Sellindge Primary School from 0.5FE to 1FE can go ahead.
- c) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance to enter into any necessary contracts/agreements on behalf of the County Council.
- d) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure to be the nominated Authority Representative with the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.

Should objections, not already considered by me when taking this decision, be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and allow for a proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

- A new housing development of 250 homes is planned for the site opposite the School. The new housing is likely to generate some 70 additional primary aged children and the School cannot accommodate these pupils without additional teaching space.
- The School, with a capacity of 105 places, currently has 116 pupils on roll. Without the new housing, the roll is forecast to grow to 137 during the next four years.
- Sellindge Primary School is a popular and successful school, rated Outstanding by Ofsted. It is regularly oversubscribed. The majority of the applications have come from Sellindge and the surrounding locality with the furthest first preference application being 3 miles from the School.
- Village children need to be able to attend their local school and not having to travel some miles to an alternative school.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 28 April 2018, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local County Councillors; Headteacher and Governing Body of Sellindge Primary School and the Area Education Officer.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

- a. a. Capital – The enlargement of the school requires the provision of three additional classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities. The total estimated cost of the expansion is likely to be in the region of £836,000, and will be covered by the developer contributions which will be

received.

- b. Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the delegated budget.
- c. Human – The school will appoint additional staff as required, as the school size increases and the need arises.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
1 July 2016 report to Education and Young Person's Cabinet Committee**

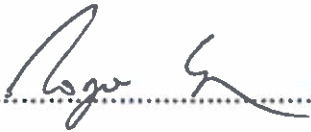
The Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee at its meeting RESOLVED to:

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Any alternatives considered:

The risks of this proposal not being complete were discussed at Education and Young Person's Cabinet Committee on 1st July 2016.

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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6 July 2016

Date