

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

**DECISION NO:**

16/00054

**For Publication**

**Subject: Proposed Expansion of Maidstone Grammar School, Barton Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 7BT**

**Decision:**

**As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I agree to support the expansion of Maidstone Grammar School, Barton Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 7BT. Therefore, I agree to:**

- (i) Allocate £3.58 million from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget to fund the permanent expansion of the school by one form of entry.
- (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:**

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those put in writing by the Area Education Officer for West Kent
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee which are set out below

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:****1 July 2016**

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

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**15 December 2015**


The Education Cabinet Committee endorsed The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20, which identified a need for additional secondary places in the Maidstone District. The proposal to expand Maidstone Grammar School to provide 175 additional selective secondary schools places to meet the predicted future demand in the Maidstone District.

**Any alternatives considered:**

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20 explored all options and the expansion of this

school was deemed the suitable option.

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

  
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**Signed**

..11 July 2016.....  
**Date**