

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

**DECISION NO:**

16/00099

For publication

**Subject: Proposed Changes to Oakley School, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4NE**

**Decision:**

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

Issue a public notice to:

- (ii) Increase the designated number of places at Oakley School, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4NE from 218 to 242
- (iii) Extend the lower age range at Oakley School, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4NE to age 2 for 1st September 2017 in order to develop an observation and assessment nursery provision

And, subject to no new objections to the public notice

- (iv) Allocate £586,000 from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget
- (v) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the General Counsel (Interim) to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (vi) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.
- (vii) Implement the proposals according to the dates identified above

If the cost of the project is greater than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocated the additional funding.

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.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the District, Borough and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; the local MP Governing Bodies of the schools, Staff and Pupils; schools from the surrounding area
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received 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:**

**23 November 2016 report to Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee**

Resolved that Cabinet Committee endorsed the proposed decision of the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to:

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**15 December 2015 report to Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee**

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan 2016-20, which identified a need for additional places in the area.

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:

Signed



Date

30 November 2016