

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform
Roger Gough

DECISION NO:

17/00011

For publication**Key decision***

Key decision due to the expenditure being more than £1m.

Subject:

A proposal to change the age range of Saint George's Church of England School to create an all-through school for pupils aged 4 to 19 from September 2018.

Decision:

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

1. Allocate £7.1m from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation.
2. 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; and
3. 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.

Reason(s) for decision:

- The Gravesham district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20 identifies a local pressure in Reception year places in the Gravesham South West planning areas. The Commissioning Plan identified a need to provide additional places in the planning area from September 2018.
- Every school in the planning area was considered as a possible proposal for additional capacity according to several criteria, including location, cost, proximity to demand, site size, willingness of the school, highways issues, Sport England and Ofsted rating. Saint George's Church of England School was identified as the best option for expansion according to these criteria.

Financial Implications

- It has been agreed by the Aletheia Trust and the school Governing Body to change the age range of Saint George's Church of England School to create an all-through school for pupils aged 4 to 19 from September 2018.

- Capital – Kent County Council's contribution will be £7.1m. KCC acknowledge that the final amount may be higher or lower as the costs of the project are an estimate. If the cost of the project exceeds the funding allocated by more than 10%, the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.
- Revenue – For a period of three academic years, the school will receive protection for 30 Reception Year pupils. For each new classroom, resulting from the change of age range at the school, the school, the sum of £6,000 will allocated towards the classroom setup costs.
- Human – Saint George's Church of England School will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:


The proposal was discussed at Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee on 1st February 2017.

EYPS Cabinet Committee RESOLVED that the proposed decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, as set out below, be endorsed:

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Any alternatives considered:

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


 signed

22.07.17
 date