

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,  
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

17/00015

For publication

**Subject: Proposal to increase the physical capacity at Meadowfield (Foundation Special) School from September 2017**

Decision:

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

- a) Allocate £1.14m from the Education and Young People's Service Capital budget;
- b) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
- c) 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. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record Of Decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2017-21) sets out the intention to commission additional school places in Special schools to increase PSCN provision. The Plan also mentioned a specific need to increase capacity at Meadowfield School

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- The need for additional school places in Meadowfield School to meet the increasing demand.
- The views of the local County Councillor, Area Education Officer; Headteacher and Governing Body of Meadowfield School;
- 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) Capital – Increasing the school's physical capacity requires the provision of additional accommodation and facilities. The total estimated cost is £1.14m.
- b) Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget. Special schools are funded using the DfE Place Plus funding methodology for High Needs Pupils. Revenue funding will also be allocated to enable the School to resource the new classrooms. At present, this is funded at a rate of £6,000 per classroom.

c) Human – The School will appoint additional staff as the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

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

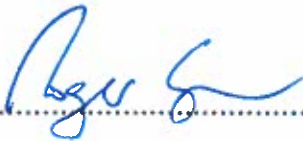
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Any alternatives considered:

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



26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Signed**

**Date**