

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and
Education

DECISION NO:

17/00104

For Publication

Subject: Proposed Expansion of Bennett Memorial Diocesan School, Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9SH

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Cabinet I agree to: support the expansion of Bennett Memorial Diocesan School, Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9SH by increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 240 to 300 Year 7 places from September 2019. Therefore, I agree to:

- (i) Allocate £6.5 million from the Basic Needs budget to fund the permanent expansion of Bennett Memorial Diocesan School
- (ii) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (iii) 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

This decision is conditional upon planning permission being granted and final approval by the Secretary of State. The costs of the project are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed. If the cost of the project is greater than 10%, the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

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 school and the Governing Body.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The matter was considered and endorsed by the Cabinet Committee for Children, Young People and Education at its meeting on 22 November 2017

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2017-21 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:
None

Signed

Date

12 December 2017