

Record of Decision

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

DECISION NO:

17/00116

For publication

Subject: Amend the implementation date for the expansion of Sellindge Primary School by 0.5FE to September 2020.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education I agree to:

Amend the implementation date for the expansion of Sellindge Primary School by 0.5FE, and the associated increase in the published admissions number to 30, until September 2020, and conditional upon planning consent being obtained for the expansion of the school.

Reason(s) for decision:

- A new housing development of 250 homes planned for the site opposite the School has been significantly delayed.
- There will not be a need for the increase in school places at Sellindge Primary School in September 2018 as expected. There are forecast to be sufficient primary aged places in the planning area for 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- KCC cannot implement the expansion prior to the receipt of additional land and planning consent.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views of the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this

Financial Implications

- Capital – The enlargement of the school requires the provision of three additional classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities. The total estimated cost of the expansion is likely to be in the region of £836,000, and will be covered by the developer contributions which will be received. Additional land is to be provided to KCC free of charge.
- Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the delegated budget.
- Human – The school will appoint additional staff as required, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

At its meeting on 13 October 2017 the Members of the Committee **RESOLVED** that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, to

- Delay until 1 September 2020 the expansion of Sellindge Primary School by 0.5FE, and the associated increase in the published admissions number to 30, be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

Planning permission has been agreed for the development of 250 homes on a site opposite Sellindge Primary School. In order to accommodate the primary aged pupils from the development, Sellindge Primary School would need to expand.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None

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15 / 12 / 2017

Signed

Date