

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

**18/00035**

For publication

**Subject: Proposal to permanently expand Northfleet School for Girls, Gravesend from a PAN of 175 to 210**

Decision:

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

- a. Allocate £4m from the Children, Young People and Education Capital Budget, to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation.
- 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.
- c. Authorise the Director of Infrastructure be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.

**Financial Implications**

It has been agreed by the Governing Body to permanently enlarge Northfleet School for Girls, increasing the PAN from 175 to 210 for the September 2018 intake.

Capital – Kent County Council’s contribution will be £4m. 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 is greater 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 an additional 35 Year 7 students. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 will allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

Human – Northfleet School for Girls will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

**Supporting Information**

The Gravesham district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2017- 21 identified pressure for Year 7 places in the Gravesham area. The Commissioning Plan identified a need to provide up to 100 additional places in the planning area from September 2017.

For 2017, the school was able to accommodate an increase in year 7 numbers within the existing buildings. Remedial building work was undertaken at the school to extend their dining area.

For 2018, the school will continue to be able to accommodate the additional numbers, but for 2019, permanent building works will be required.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:  
Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee 10 July 2018 – Recommendations will be added after the meeting.

Any alternatives considered:  
Every secondary school in the district was considered as a possible proposal for expansion according to several criteria, including location, cost, proximity to demand, site size, willingness of the school, highways issues, Sport England and Ofsted rating. Five all-ability schools have been identified for expansion and feasibility studies have been commissioned. All five schools are now the subject of a proposal to expand, or the subject of a dialogue with a view to expansion. Northfleet School for Girls is one of those schools.

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

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**Signed**

**Date**