

From: Matt Dunkley, CBE, Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education

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

Subject: Proposal to permanently expand Temple Hill Primary Academy from 3FE to 4FE

Classification: Unrestricted

Decision number: 18/00036

Past pathway of paper: Cabinet Committee, 17 March 2016

Future pathway of paper: Cabinet Member Decision

Electoral Division: Dartford North East (Cllr Dave Butler)

Summary:

This report sets out the reasons behind the request to increase the funding allocated from the Children, Young People and Education Capital Budget for the expansion of Temple Hill Primary Academy and informs the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education of the revised costs for the project.

Recommendation:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, I agree to: **CONSIDER** and **ENDORSE** or **MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS** to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education on the proposed decision to increase the funding allocated from the Children, Education and Young People's Services capital budget to expand Temple Hill Primary Academy from £2,400,000 to £3,075,000.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. On 17 March 2016, the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee recommended to the Cabinet Member that a public notice be issued regarding the expansion of Temple Hill Primary Academy from 3FE to 4FE with effect from September 2016.
- 1.2. The Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee also recommended that appropriate funding was allocated to the project. At the time the estimated total cost of the expansion of Temple Hill Primary Academy was in the region of £2.4m based on initial designs.

- 1.3. The Record of Decision was signed on 23 March 2016.
- 1.4. The cost of the build has since increased by £675,000 due to extensive archaeological finds and further diggings on the site, and the delays there caused.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1. It had been agreed by the Governing Body to permanently enlarge Temple Hill Primary School, increasing the PAN to 120 (4FE) for the September 2016 intake and eventually a total capacity of 840 places.

- a. **Capital**

Kent County Council's original contribution was agreed to be £2.4m. KCC acknowledged at that time that the final amount may be higher or lower as the costs of the project is an estimate. If the cost of the project is greater than 10% the Cabinet Member will be asked to make a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

The reason for the increased in cost is that, as is customary on most sites, there was a requirement to conduct an archaeological survey. The reports from the survey stated that the site was of archaeological significance and that further diggings and study was required.

Further digging produced many significant finds and the work, cataloguing and future storage of these finds has increased the expected project expenditure to £3,075,000. The work continues, but as digging is concluded, it is unlikely that the total project cost will increase further.

- b. **Revenue**

For a period of three academic years, the school is receiving protection for an additional 30 Reception Year pupils. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 per additional classroom is being allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

- c. **Human**

Temple Hill Primary School are appointing additional teachers, as the school size increases and as the need arises.

3. Kent Policy Framework

- 3.1. This proposal will help to secure our ambition "to ensure every child will go to a good school where they make good progress and can have fair access to school places" as set out in the Education Commissioning Plan.
- 3.2. The 'Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision, 2018-20' identified a pressure on Year 7 places in Dartford district.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. A consultation was conducted by KCC on behalf of the then Temple Hill Primary School, prior to consideration of the original cabinet report in 2016. The governing body had voted unanimously in favour of expansion.

5. Views

- 5.1. Views were sought on the original Cabinet paper from the Local Member, Headteacher, Chair of Governor. No additional views have been sought as a consequence of this report.

6. Proposal Equalities Impact

- 6.1. An Equality Impact Assessment was completed as part of the original proposal. To date no comments have been received and no changes are required to the Equality Impact Assessment.

7. Delegation to Officers

- 7.1. The Officer Scheme of Delegation; under Appendix 2 part 4 of the Council's Constitution, provides a clear and appropriate link between this decision and the actions needed to implement it. For information it is envisaged, if the proposal goes ahead, that the Director of Infrastructure will sign contracts on behalf of the County Council.

8. Conclusions

- 8.1. The increase in the total project cost are entirely attributable to the findings of the archaeological study on the site. These costs were unforeseen and unforeseeable.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1. As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, I agree to: **CONSIDER** and **ENDORSE** or **MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS** to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education on the proposed decision to increase the funding allocated from the Children, Education and Young People's Services capital budget to expand Temple Hill Primary Academy from £2,400,000 to £3,075,000.

10. Background Documents

- 10.1. Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council's Strategic Statement 2015-2020: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-thecouncil/strategies-and-policies/corporate-policies/increasing-opportunitiesimproving-outcomes>
- 10.2. Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision: www.kent.gov.uk/educationprovision

10.3. Education Cabinet Committee report – 17 March 2016:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=832&MId=6120&Ver=4>

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