

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

19/00003

For publication

Subject: Provision of additional accommodation at Finberry Primary School.

Decision:

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

- a) Release £2,800,000 from the Children, Young People and Education Capital budget to allow an 8-classroom block to be added to Finberry Primary School to enable the school to accept 2FE of primary aged pupils (60 pupils per year) in line with the Academy's funding agreement.

Reason(s) for decision: In reaching this decision I have considered:

- KCC consulted on the opening of a new 2FE primary school in 2014.
- There is forecast to be a deficit of year R and total primary school places in the planning group from the 2020-21 academic year.
- The Secretary of State entered into a funding agreement with The Stour Academy Trust for a 2FE primary school.
- Finberry Primary School was constructed with the infrastructure needed for a 2FE primary school. The addition of 8 classrooms will enable the school to offer 2FE of provision.
- The views of the local County Councillor, Area Education Officer, Headteacher and CEO of Stour Academy Trust.
- The views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

- a) Capital –£2,800,000 from the Children, Young People and Education Capital budget will be required to enable the new classrooms to be commissioned.
- b) Revenue - The School will receive growth funding in line with KCC policy and procedures for the first three years. They will also receive £6,000 setup for each of the new classrooms and £2,500 per classroom as a contribution towards whiteboard technology.
- c) Human – The School will appoint additional staff as required, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: To be added after the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee meeting on Friday 11th January 2019.

Any alternatives considered: All alternatives were explored in the Kent Commissioning Plan 2018-22

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

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Signed

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Date