

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION CABINET COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee held at Virtual Meeting on Thursday, 30th July, 2020.

PRESENT: Mrs L Game (Chairman), Mr D Murphy (Vice-Chairman), Mr M J Angell, Mr D L Brazier, Mrs P T Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs T Dean, MBE, Ms S Hamilton, Ida Linfield, Mr R C Love, OBE, Mr S C Manion and Dr L Sullivan

OTHER MEMBERS: Mrs S Chandler and Mr R Long, TD

OFFICERS: Nick Abrahams (Area Education Officer – West Kent), David Adams (Director of Education), Matt Dunkley CBE (Corporate Director for Children Young People and Education), Mark Walker (Interim Director for Disabled Children and Young People) and Emma West (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

177. Apologies and Substitutes

(Item 2)

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Roper.

178. Membership

To note that Mrs Allen had joined the Committee as a Committee Member.

179. Declarations of Interest by Members in items on the Agenda

(Item 3)

- (1) Mr Manion declared an interest as his partner worked for a special school in Dover.
- (2) Dr Sullivan declared an interest as her husband worked as an Early Help Worker for Kent County Council.

180. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020

(Item 4)

- (1) Mrs Dean referred to section (8) within item 7 (20/00016 - Section 106 Funding) in the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 and requested more information on the matter.
- (2) The clerk confirmed that she would investigate and provide further information to Mrs Dean outside of the meeting.
- (3) The Chairman reassured Mrs Dean that an update in relation to youth service funding would be provided to Committee Members in some format on or before the next meeting of the Committee.

- (4) RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee held on 11 March 2020 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

181. Minutes of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 10 December 2019
(Item 5)

- (1) Mrs Allen (Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Panel) provided a brief update in relation to the positive work of the Corporate Parenting Panel in recent months, referring specifically to the young people's excellent film productions and media releases.

- (2) RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

182. Protocol for Virtual Meetings
(Item 6)

It was RESOLVED that in order to facilitate the smooth working of its virtual meetings, the Committee agreed to adopt the Protocols for Virtual Meetings.

183. Verbal Update by Cabinet Members and Corporate Director
(Item 7)

- (1) Mrs Chandler (Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services) gave a verbal update on the following issues:

a) Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC)

The increasing number of UASC that were coming into Kent continued to be a significant pressure for Kent County Council's Children's Services. In recent month, the Council's Children's Services team had made 70 successful transfers through the National Transfer Scheme to other authorities. However, since 1st June 2020, Kent had had also 116 new UASC arrivals. Restrictions in relation to the UASC age assessment process had meant that Kent were unable to make any more transfers to other authorities, despite having 51 young people who were awaiting age assessments, a lengthy and costly process. The issue of age assessments for UASC was being raised at central government level.

b) 'The Nest' facility in Ashford

The Nest was a new intervention facility in Ashford which aimed to provide a safe haven for teenagers with emotional, behavioural and mental health difficulties. The Nest's specialist trained team would support the teenagers by using an approach called 'positive behavioural support'. Mrs Chandler had visited The Nest facility and had seen many sensory adaptations that had been put into the facility such as secure windows and no corners on the walls, as well as bright colours and accessories. The idea of a Nest facility came from parents and was being developed by a range of partners. The funding for the changes that were needed within the facility came from the NHS, but the facility itself would be operated by Kent County Council. Mrs Chandler said that she would be visiting the facility again in the future to see how well it was working.

c) 'Inside Britain's biggest child protection unit' documentary

At the end of July, Sky News worked alongside Kent County Council's East Kent children's services team to create a powerful and moving documentary which presented the complexities of many of Kent's social work cases, the outstanding work that social workers continued to undertake throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and it conveyed the scale of what Kent might be faced with in September once children had returned to school and referrals increased. Mrs Chandler encouraged all Members to watch the Sky documentary which had been circulated in a recent briefing, as well as a short film presentation that Kent's young people had created which provided insights into the life of a young person during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both the Sky documentary and the short film were helping to inform and shape the work that had been taking place through the Kent Resilience Forum and the Children, Young People and Education (CYPE) recovery cell, chaired by Sarah Hammond (Director of Integrated Services (Children's Social Work Lead)). Mrs Chandler emphasised the importance of the recovery cell and stated that the focus in coming months would remain on ensuring that children's services were as prepared as possible for the school return in September.

(2) Mr Long (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills) gave a verbal update on the following issues:

a) Recent announcements in relation to Education

Mr Long referred to the recent announcement from government for all pupils to return to school in September and stated that the rapid changes in policy necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic had produced a significantly increased workload for staff within the CYPE directorate. Mr Long thanked Matt Dunkley (Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education), David Adams (Director of Education), all of the officers within the directorate, staff of The Education People (TEP), school leaders and teachers for their sustained hard work and determination to help children and schools through these unprecedented times. Officers within CYPE had been working closely with Kent schools and public transport teams to prepare for the autumn term and ensure that the return to school in September was as smooth as possible. Mr Long referred to the delayed Kent Test assessment until 15th October (17th October for out-county applicants), allowing children additional time to settle once they returned to school and stated that whilst a month's delay would not entirely remedy the loss of education during the lockdown period, it was considered to be the most effective change which could be made. Mr Long also referred to the system of head teacher assessments in Kent as well as the Kent Test to award places in grammar schools to children who head teachers assessed as suitable, even if they may not have scored highly in the test, this was another tool that schools could use to address inequality or unfairness. Government had also announced a £1b fund to help children catch up with some of the lost learning and would go to schools and tutoring organisations as opposed to Kent County Council, although the Council continued to assist and support all of Kent's schools. TEP had produced a vast range of guidance and resources which sought to address gaps in children's

learning, including curriculum audit tools, pupil premium, disadvantaged and SEN toolkits and a recovery toolkit.

- (3) Mr Dunkley (Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education) gave a verbal update on the following issues:

a) Inside Britain's biggest child protection unit' documentary

Mr Dunkley reiterated the comments which had been made by Mrs Chandler in relation to the Sky documentary and emphasised the importance of the work that social workers undertook on a daily basis and the challenges that they were faced with regularly. Officers within Kent County Council's CYPE directorate worked hard with Sky colleagues to ensure that they represented fairly and accurately the work that was undertaken. Mr Dunkley emphasised the risk that social workers had taken in being a part of the documentary and sincerely thanked all of the staff that had taken part.

b) Upcoming challenges and thanks to staff

Mr Dunkley referred to upcoming challenges and the expected increase in demand and activity, especially as all pupils returned to school in September. Two prevalent issues on the horizon were the demand for child protection or early help support in potentially vulnerable children and the sudden surge of children in September and October, for which detailed modelling work had been undertaken and shown to Members. Secondly, for colleagues working within Kent's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) team, there would be increased demand in relation to SEN assessments in September. Mr Dunkley also referred to the challenge of managing a phased return to offices as buildings re-opened. Mr Dunkley expressed his thanks to the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee and to Members who had acknowledged the work that staff within the CYPE directorate and across the Council had undertaken during these unprecedented times and for their outstanding response to the pandemic.

- (4) In response to a question which related to the Kent Test and head teacher assessments, Mr Long stated that if scores in the Kent Test were lower overall, the Kent Test's pass mark could be set slightly lower than usual to achieve roughly the same number of children who were assessed suitable for grammar through the test.
- (5) In response to a question which related to Cabinet Member decision number 20/00060 (Adjustments to the Kent Test and Secondary Co-ordinated Admissions scheme as a result of COVID-19 restrictions), Mr Long said that whilst the government guidance was received after he had taken the decision, a great deal of the guidance supported the decision. He explained that the reason that the guidance didn't support the decision in all respects was because the guidance was aimed at all selective authorities, many of whom had circumstances that were somewhat different from Kent County Council's circumstances. Mr Long acknowledged the significant need to address disadvantages and educational inequalities and reassured Committee Members that Kent County Council would do all that was practical and possible to address all forms of disadvantage. Mr Long added that many schools in Kent were self-

governing academies that made their own decisions, although Kent County Council would continue to advise and support them.

- (6) In response to a question, Mr Long and Mr Dunkley confirmed that Democratic Services continued to liaise with officers in relation to transport appeals and the most practical options that were available going forward. Mr Dunkley confirmed that he would arrange for all Members to be provided with a briefing note which outlined the current position in relation to transport appeals.
- (7) In response to a question which related to pupils returning to school in September, Mr Long acknowledged the psychological effect on many children being out of school for such a long period of time and the impact that the lockdown had had on student achievement and loss of learning, he stated that the DfE's guidance in relation to the reopening of schools did address such issues. Mr Long said that whilst Kent County Council encouraged schools to follow both the published guidelines and the Council's own even more detailed guidelines, he was not aware of any schools in Kent who wished to exceed the guidelines but would seek further clarification from officers. Mr Dunkley added that it was a requirement for pupils to return to school in September and said that any school interpreting the guidance or rules differently still had to meet the statutory requirement to provide a place and educate the children within their school.
- (8) In response to a question which related to addressing disadvantage, Mr Long said that the £1b fund from government was largely there to help those who had suffered the most disadvantage, loss of education and other issues during the lockdown. He re-emphasised that Kent County Council's role was to advise and assist schools and referred to the resources and interventions that TEP continued to provide to schools which were especially aimed at disadvantaged children. Referring to the Kent Test specifically, Mr Long confirmed that a wider consultation did not take place before the decision was taken to delay the test as there was not enough time, although the decision was supported by 90% of the schools that responded and most of the schools did respond. Both Mr Long and Mr Dunkley reiterated that whilst delaying the Kent Test did not entirely address disadvantages, it was more in the interest of the disadvantaged children to delay the test.
- (9) In response to a comment which related to bullying, Mr Long and Mr Dunkley commended Gravesham Youth Council's approach to tackling bullying and were keen to see and hear of the work that they had produced in recent months. Mr Dunkley said that a cohort of young people who had experienced bullying or had mental health issues had said that they had thrived for not being in school. He added that Kent County Council would continue to provide training, advice and support to schools in relation to tackling bullying and support the work of Gravesham Youth Council in being communicated to schools in Kent.
- (10) In response to a question which related to UASC, Mr Dunkley referred to the age assessment issues, the high cost of each assessment and the amount of time that each assessment took. Mrs Chandler reassured Committee Members that Mr Gough (Leader of Kent County Council) had written to the Home Office Minister in relation to the change in policy on the border force and had succeeded in persuading the DfE to provide additional COVID-19 related funding.

(11) In response to a question which related to the guidance to schools regarding GCSEs, young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs) and the concerns for vulnerable children moving forward, Mr Dunkley stated that the main advice to schools had come from exam boards and from the DfE in relation to the grade assessment process, which was a combination of mock results, predicted grades, prior attainment, teacher assessment and a national moderation process. Referring specifically to NEETs, Mr Dunkley said that the number of young people who had contacted Kent County Council through the Council's website with regards to training and employment opportunities had increased significantly and a large amount of work continued to be undertaken to accommodate the needs of young people in relation to education, employment and training.

(12) The Chairman expressed her sincere thanks to all officers within the CYPE directorate for their commitment, hard work and dedication to services during these unprecedented times.

(13) RESOLVED that the verbal updates be noted.

184. Review of the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2020-24
(Item 8)

Mr D Adams (Director of Education) was in attendance for this item

Mr Adams responded to a number of comments and questions from Members, including the following: -

(1) Mr Adams provided more information to Committee Members in relation to the figure of £7.9m within the report, which was the estimated cost for the 2020-21 projects that had been delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that a decision had been taken recently by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services (20/00056 - Capital Construction Programme – Delay costs to projects as a result of COVID-19) which had allowed the delayed schemes to continue to move forward to accommodate the children that had already been offered places and would start in September 2020.

(2) Mr Adams provided more information to Committee Members in relation to Basic Need funding and said that based on previous trends, Kent County Council received approximately £25m a year.

(3) In relation to Member involvement, Mr Adams reassured Committee Members that Member briefings and district briefings could be arranged to discuss local matters in further detail.

(4) Mr Adams provided more information to Committee Members in relation to developer contributions and said that the government's decision to remove the pooling restrictions allowing more than 5 agreements to be linked to a single projects had helped to secure increased funding in the longer term and provide more flexibility.

- (5) In relation to forecasting accuracy, Mr Adams stated that the forecasts were accurate at the time of agenda publication, but there was variation within districts and planning groups.
- (6) Mr Adams confirmed that he could provide further information to Committee Members at a later date in relation to the £7.9m outlined within the report.
- (7) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

185. SEND Update and presentation on CYPE Directorate recovery phase (Schools and the latest position)

(Item 9)

Mr M Walker (Interim Director for SEND) and Mr D Adams (Director of Education) were in attendance for this item

- (1) Mr Walker presented a series of slides to Committee Members which set out information relating to the background and context, structure, governance, delivery, workstreams and next steps of the SEND Improvement Programme.
- (2) Mr Adams presented a series of slides to Committee Members which set out information relating to the full reopening of schools in September, early years and childcare providers.

Officers then responded to a number of comments and questions from Members, including the following: -

- a) Mr Walker confirmed that he would submit a further progress presentation or report to the Cabinet Committee in 3 months' time.
- b) Mr Adams confirmed that whilst officers would not have enough time to provide a full report to the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee in relation to the reopening of schools as they would not have been open for long enough, either Mr Long (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills) or Mr Dunkley would provide a verbal update at the next meeting.
- c) In relation to collective worship within schools, Mr Adams said that schools would continue to have broader foundation subjects such as Religious Education, but in the coming months would be expected to focus on core subjects.
- d) In relation to the progression of pupils once they return to school, Mr Adams said that governors would be expected to scrutinise performance and hold head teachers to account until Ofsted inspections resume.
- e) In relation to school transport, Mr Adams confirmed that conversations would soon take place with the passenger transport unit with regards to school bus capacity. He added that it was currently unclear as to what parental preference would be in relation to school transport come September.
- f) In relation to a potential second wave of COVID-19 and the effect that it would have on children and young people, Mr Adams referred to the

DfE's concerns with regards to secondary-aged pupils and their wider social network and interactions.

- (3) Whilst it was noted by officers that Committee Members would prefer to receive presentations ahead of the meeting, the clerk circulated both of the presentations that had been shown to Committee Members during the item.
- (4) RESOLVED that the information within both of the presentations and the updates that have been provided by officers be noted.

186. School Alterations/Expansions

(Item 10)

- (1) Mr Adams introduced the supplementary report which summarised the present position of the Children, Young People and Education Basic Need Programme in respect of the current 2020-2023 Medium Term Financial Plan and set out changes to the costs of some individual capital projects, agreed in previous years, which required budget reallocations in order to proceed. In addition, the report reminded the Cabinet Committee of the redesigned approval process for school organisation proposals, previously endorsed by the Cabinet Committee.
- (2) Ida Linfield asked that her comments and concerns in relation to the total cost of the proposals (£11.5m) be noted within the minutes.
- (3) RESOLVED that:
 - (i) The process whereby the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee will receive school organisations proposals, which are subject to a formal Cabinet Member decision, at an early stage for the required consideration of proposed Executive Decisions, be agreed.
 - (ii) The overall the budget position be noted; and
 - (iii) The reallocation of capital funds within the CYPE Capital Programme as outlined in this report and associated decision reports be noted.

187. 20/00070 - Funding update on the proposal to permanently expand and relocate St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Tunbridge Wells from 140 places to 210 places from September 2019

(Item 10a)

- (1) Mr Abrahams introduced the report which set out information relating to the proposed decision to release additional funding to permanently expand and relocate St Peter's Church of England Primary School from 140 places to 210 places, increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 20 to 30 Year R places from September 2019.

Officers then responded to a number of comments and questions from Members, including the following: -

- a) In relation to the cost of the project, Mr Abrahams acknowledged Members concerns and said that the project would deliver a 1FE primary

school with 2FE infrastructure. He explained the rationale behind the proposal and the cost of the project, referring specifically to the cost of the land, unexpected additional costs and the typography of the site. He said that when the budget was set for the project and the costs came to light, the project's contract was in the pre-tendering phase and therefore the decision was signed off before a contractor had been chosen. He added that colleagues in Infrastructure had challenged all surveyors and contractors in relation to the project's costs and the additional charges discovered. Mr Adams added that there were some elements to the project that officers were in contractual dispute with others about, in terms of where some of the costs would lay, and therefore the anticipation and hope would be that part of the funding would come back to offset some of the additional costs. He stated that despite continuing to dispute some of the additional costs incurred, the school was part way through being built.

- b) Mr Abrahams said that currently, there were no plans to expand the school to a 2FE within the current commissioning plan arrangements.
 - c) Mr Adams shared Members concerns in relation to the cost of the project and confirmed that additional information would be provided to Committee Members outside of the meeting on the matter.
 - d) Ms Hamilton (Local Member – Tunbridge Wells Rural) agreed with the comments which had been made by Members in relation to the high cost of the project.
- (2) RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:
- a) allocate an additional £1.3 million from the Children, Young People & Education Basic Need Capital Budget to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation;
 - b) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services in consultation with the General Counsel and Director of Education to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
 - c) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision,

be endorsed.

Ida Linfield asked that her abstention from the recommendation be noted within the minutes

188. 20/00069 - Funding update on the proposal to permanently expand Harrietsham Church of England Primary School
(Item 10b)

- (1) Mr Abrahams introduced the report which set out information relating to the proposed decision to release additional funding to complete the proposal to permanently expand Harrietsham Church of England Primary School from 210 places to 420 places, increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 30 to 60 for Year R entry in September 2018.
 - a) In response to a question, Mr Abrahams referred to the cost of the project and stated that a significant amount of monies would come from developer contributions, and for every housing development developed in the Harrietsham area, Kent County Council had sought contributions towards the project and had secured a significant number. He confirmed that he would provide further information to Committee Members in relation to housing growth and development within Harrietsham and the total developer contributions outside of the meeting.
 - b) In response to a question relating to surveys, Mr Abrahams stated that Kent County Council had taken ownership of a piece of land next to Harrietsham primary school which would serve as a car park and additional surveys were needed on the car park land.
 - c) Mr Adams reminded the Committee that items 10a to 10f within the agenda pack were legacy schemes.
- (2) RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:
 - a) allocate an additional £600,000 from the Children, Young People & Education Basic Need Capital Budget to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation;
 - b) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services in consultation with the General Counsel and Director of Education to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
 - c) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision,

be endorsed.

189. 20/00068 - Proposal to provide additional funding to support the provision of a New 2FE Primary School on the Ebbsfleet Green Development, Dartford
(Item 10c)

- (1) Mr Adams introduced the report which set out information relating to the proposed decision to release additional funding to support the provision of a New 2FE Primary School on the Ebbsfleet Green Development, Dartford.
- a) In response to a question, Mr Adams recognised that the aspirations of stakeholders were not always achievable with limited amounts of funding and confirmed that he would ask Mr Watts (Area Education Officer – North Kent) to provide further information to Mrs Dean in relation to the help of the Education Development Centre outside of the meeting.
 - b) Mr Adams referred to the Section 106 and Kent County Council's dependency upon colleagues in district councils to determine financial outcomes. He added that as part of the Section 106 process, Kent County Council had to evidence the need for funding, explain exactly where money would be spent and how provision would be made available. He reminded Committee Members of Kent's changing landscape and the need for flexibility to be able to respond to the need that exists at the time in the most appropriate way.
 - c) Mr Adams referred to Kent's legacy schemes in relation to school expansions and alterations and said that whilst the number of legacy schemes continued to diminish, a number could potentially be brought back to the Committee in the future. He added that conversations took place regularly between Finance, Education and Property to ensure that legacy schemes and projects continued to be identified and held to financial account.
 - d) Mr Adams referred to a typographical error within the report and confirmed that the local member **had** been consulted on the proposal.
- (2) RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:
- a) provide £1.9m of additional funding, making a total of £9m (including £4.6m of Developer Contributions) to build a new 2FE Primary School on the Ebbsfleet Green Housing development in Dartford Borough;
 - b) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services in consultation with the General Counsel and Director of Education to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
 - c) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision,

be endorsed.

Ida Linfield and Dr Sullivan asked that their abstention from the recommendation be noted within the minutes

190. 20/00072 - Allocate approved Basic Need funds to increase the RoD as outlined below on a proposal to permanently expand the secondary provision at Trinity School, Sevenoaks, from a PAN of 120 to 180, ongoing from September 2018

(Item 10d)

- (1) Mr Adams briefly introduced the report which provided information relating to the proposed decision to release additional funding to complete the proposal to permanently expand the secondary provision at Trinity School, Sevenoaks, from a PAN of 120 to 180, ongoing from September 2018.
- (2) In response to a question, Mr Adams confirmed that the proposal would take the school from 4FE to 6FE.
- (3) In response to a question, Mr Adams confirmed that the proposal would address highways issues for Trinity School as well as other site users.
- (4) In response to a question, Mr Adams explained the costs associated with the proposal in more detail, referring specifically to the need to extend the school's bus parking area and the additional S278 works to the main highway which was producing a significant amount of pressure. It was issues of this nature, identified during design stage, that the new process sought to avoid. Mr Long (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills) added that measures had been put in place to ensure that future schemes would not suffer from the issues that had been raised in relation to inaccurate estimates and additional costs.
- (5) RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:
 - a) allocate an additional £2.5m from the Children, Young People & Education Capital Budget, in addition to the £9m previously allocated, to provide a project total of £11.5m to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation;
 - b) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services in consultation with the General Counsel and Director of Education to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
 - c) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision,

be endorsed.

Ida Linfield asked that her abstention from the recommendation be noted within the minutes

191. 20/00071 - Funding Update on the proposal to permanently expand Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys by increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 180 to 210 places from September 2019
(Item 10e)

- (1) Mr Adams briefly introduced the report which provided information relating to the proposed decision to release additional funding to complete the proposal to permanently expand Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9XB by increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 180 to 210 places from September 2019.
- (2) In response to a question, Mr Adams said that he would provide further information to Committee Members in relation to gender provision within schools in Tunbridge Wells outside of the meeting.
- (3) RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:
 - a) allocate an additional £4.3 million from the Children, Young People & Education Basic Need Capital Budget to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation;
 - b) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services in consultation with the General Counsel and Director of Education to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
 - c) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision,

be endorsed.

192. 20/00073 - Agree the allocation of additional Basic Need funds to increase the RoD as outlined below to permanently expand the secondary provision at Ursuline College by 1FE from September 2019
(Item 10f)

- (1) Mr Adams briefly introduced the report which provided information relating to the proposed decision to release additional funding to permanently expand the secondary provision at Ursuline College by 1FE from September 2019.
- (2) RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:
 - a) allocate an additional £1.3m from the Children, Young People & Education Capital Budget, to fund the delivery of the accommodation required to enable the school to operate its agreed Published Admission Number of 150;

- b) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services in consultation with the General Counsel and Director of Education to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
- c) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision,

be endorsed.

193. Performance Monitoring
(Item 11)

- (1) Mr Dunkley confirmed that whilst the information contained within the Performance Scorecard was for noting, further information would be circulated to Committee Members with regards to the COVID-19 indicators affected due to the pandemic outside of the meeting.
- (2) RESOLVED that the information contained with the Performance Scorecard be noted.

194. Work Programme 2020-21
(Item 12)

RESOLVED that the work programme 2020-21 be noted, subject to the inclusion of the following item: -

- SEND Improvement Programme (*Mr Walker – November 2020 mtg*)