

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

DECISION NO:

23/00004

For publication**Key decision: YES**

Key decision criteria. The decision will:

- a) result in savings or expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function (currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000); or
- b) be significant in terms of its effects on a significant proportion of the community living or working within two or more electoral divisions – which will include those decisions that involve:
 - the adoption or significant amendment of major strategies or frameworks.
 - significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether County-wide or in a particular locality.

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Rebuild and expand Teynham Parochial CEP Primary School from 210 places to 420 places, increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 30 to 60 for September 2026.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, I agree to:

- i) Authorise the allocation of £10,973,348.01 from the Basic Need capital budget for the rebuilding and expansion by 1FE of Teynham Parochial CEP Primary School.
- ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Director of Education, to enter into any necessary contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement this decision.
- iii) 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.
- iv) Issue a public notice to permanently expand Teynham Parochial CEP Primary School from 210 to 420 places, increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 30 to 60 for September 2026.

And, subject to no objections being received to the public notice.

- v) Expand Teynham Parochial CEP Primary School from 210 to 420 increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 30 to 60 for September 2026.

Reason(s) for decision:**Background**

Decision is required to rebuild and expand Teynham Parochial CEP Primary School from 210 to 420 places increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 30 to 60 for September 2026 (1FE to 2FE). The proposal to rebuild and expand Teynham Primary was supported by the Children's, Young People, and Education Cabinet Committee on 17 January 2023. It was agreed at the meeting that following planning permission being granted, the refined cost of the project would be presented

to the Cabinet Member for a key decision on the capital funding allocation and allowing a public notice to be issued.

Planning permission was granted on 19 September 2023 and total cost of the project has been confirmed as £10,973,348.01. A record of decision is now required to agree the capital funding and to gain permission to issue a public notice.

The current primary school building was constructed circa 1970 as a temporary building using a basic SEAC component type construction. The building is now approximately 50 years old and shows many symptoms associated with being beyond economic repair, making it difficult and costly to expand and more cost effective to re-build. We are proposing to permanently increase the size of the school by 1FE to meet the primary school pupil needs in Teynham and it is our intention to do this through rebuilding and expanding the school to meet increasing demand arising from new housing planned for the local area.

The plan is to construct the new school first and subsequently demolish the current school building, plus provide a Multi- Use Games Area (MUGA) on the location of the old school. The expansion in the number of pupils would be a gradual process from September 2026 onwards. The additional places will enable the school to run a two form of entry school starting in September 2026 when the published admission number would increase from 30 to 60. The school capacity would grow each year, finally reaching a capacity of 420 in 2032.

Financial Implications

Following the granting of planning permission on 19 September 2023, the cost of the project is £10,973,348.01.

The project includes a total rebuild of the whole school designed to BB103 and the demolition of the current primary school building.

The expansion of Teynham school is also linked to new housing developments in the Teynham area. A total of £2,133,615.89 in developer contributions has been requested with £1,413,243.89 agreed and £720,372 requested. A total of £416,043.89 has been collected to date.

As per KCC policy, a total of £6,000 per new classroom will be provided to the school from the DSG revenue budget.

Legal Implications

The provision of sufficient school places is a statutory duty.

The proposal supports Framing Kent's Future – Our Council Strategy (2022-2026) Priority 1 - Levelling up. 'To maintain KCC's strategic role in supporting schools in Kent to deliver accessible, high quality education provision for all families.'

- Equalities implications

An Equality Impact Assessment has been produced as part of the consultation process and is attached. The assessment identified the following positive impact:

- Sufficient local Primary provision for children in Teynham and the local area.

No adverse impacts were identified during the assessment.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Children's and Young People Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the decision on 17 January 2023.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Consideration was given to expanding the current school building by 1FE; however, the building is

now approximately 50 years old and shows many symptoms associated with being beyond economic repair, making it difficult, risky, and costly to expand and cost effective to re-build the school.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken, and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:



24/10/23

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