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To:	Education Committee – 18 January 2013
Subject	Decision number: 12/ 01975(a) - SEN Phase 1 Approval to Plan - The relocation of The Foreland School (Community Special)
Classification:	Unrestricted

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Summary:	This report informs Members of the project to relocate The Foreland School (Community Special), Lanthorne Road, Broadstairs to a site at Pysons Road, Broadstairs adjacent to the Ellington and Hereson School, in new buildings.
Recommendations:	5.1 The Education Cabinet Committee is asked to (i) consider and endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills on the decision to change the location cited in the original decision (ii) endorse the recommendation to hold a public information sharing meeting.

## **1. Introduction.**

1.1 On 16 July 2009 a report was presented to the School Organisation Advisory Board on the outcome of the public consultation on the proposal to relocate Foreland School to the Hartsdown Technology School site. The proposal was to rebuild both schools together but with separate defined areas within the Hartsdown site, utilising BSF funding. A public notice (attached as appendix 1) was issued on 3 September 2009 and on 19 October 2009, Sarah Hohler, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education took the decision (attached as appendix 2) to implement the proposal.

1.2 The proposal however was not implemented as during the planning phase for the new school buildings, the Building Schools for the Future programme was stopped following a change of government. This withdrawal of funding impacted on a number of Special School Review projects and it has now become necessary to amend the original decision to reflect the change in the site.

## **2. Financial Implications**

2.1 £30m was formally approved by Members at the meeting of the County Council on 9 February 2012, for the delivery of the final phase of the Special School Review which began in May 2005. The Foreland School is one of the

ten Special Schools within the final phase and will be included in the first stage of the programme.

2.2 The Foreland School will be procured through the Local Education Partnership and the assigned contractor will develop designs in consultation with KCC and the school.

### **3. The Proposal**

3.1 It is planned for The Foreland School to relocate the school to a site at Pysons Road, Broadstairs in new school buildings with a target date for occupation of September 2015. The new school buildings will accommodate up to 200 pupils including nursery. Attached as appendix 3 is a plan showing the location of the site at Pysons Road.

3.2 The Headteacher and Governing Body of The Foreland School fully support the project to relocate the school to the Pyson's Road site.

3.3 The site at Pysons Road is large and The Hereson and Ellington School also occupies part of the site. It is envisaged that there will be opportunities for sharing facilities and for student integration.

3.4 The distance between the current Foreland School site and the Pyson's Road site is 1.8 miles as the crow flies. This means that a statutory consultation and the issuing of a public notice are not required by legislation. It is however proposed to hold a public information sharing meeting at the current site to make parents and other interested parties aware of the project and the plans for the new building. Residents close to the Pyson's Road site will be consulted as part of the planning process. Information will also be provided for parents/carers of students attending The Hereson and Ellington School.

### **4. Conclusions**

4.1 The school's current buildings have evolved over the last 40 years and are now too small, outdated and largely unsuitable for meeting their current purpose. The size of the school has grown over recent years and it is essential that the school is now provided with buildings that will meet future need and provide accommodation that will greatly enhance the educational experience and improve outcomes for the students.

### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Education Cabinet Committee is asked to
- (i) consider and endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education Learning and Skills on making a modification to the original decision (09-01292) made on 29 July 2009 by changing the location sited in the original decision
  - (ii) endorse the recommendation to hold a public information sharing meeting.

### **Background Documents**

Report to School Organisation Advisory Board of 12 March 2009  
Report to School Organisation Advisory Board of 16 July 2009

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