KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:	DECISION NO:
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform	13/00042

For publication

Subject: The Charles Dickens School's Governing Body proposal to expand the school by adding a sixth form.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, I agree to:

(i)   the governing body of The Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs implementing their proposal to expand the school by increasing the upper age limit and adding a 6th form.

Reason(s) for decision:

1.1   The Charles Dickens School is a good and popular school that seeks to provide a sixth form that contributes to local provision and capacity. The school has for some time been discussing the idea of adding a sixth form with other secondary schools and further education providers in Thanet.   Both parents and pupils have expressed a wish for The Charles Dickens School to provide opportunities post-16 as an extension of their existing pathways pre-16 and to reduce the number of pupils who do move on from the school and who drop out of education at their destination institution.

1.2   The consultation period ran from 25 February to 5 April and the majority of those responding to the consultation agreed with the proposal including strong support from primary headteachers.

1.3   The Public Notice ran from 2 May to 30 May and no objections were received.

In taking this decision I have taken into account:
- the number of responses to the public consultation in support of the proposal;
- the views of the Area Education Officer and the Skills and Employability Service;
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
21 June 2013
To be entered after the meeting and considered by the Cabinet Member when taking the decision.

Any alternatives considered:

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

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signed   date