

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

13/00006

For publication

Subject: Proposed expansion of Lower Halstow (Community) Primary School, Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne

Decision:

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

- (i) ISSUE a public notice to expand Lower Halstow (Community) Primary School, Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne

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

- (i) Expand the school

Should objections be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and expand the school to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Swale section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 indicates a need for additional places in the Faversham area.

The expansion of Lower Halstow (Community) Primary School, Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne will address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at a popular school. In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 8 May 2013, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local MP, District and Parish Councils, the local County Councillors; Governing Body of the school, the Staff and Pupils;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

On 19 March 2013,

The Committee recommended to the (former) Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills that a consultation takes place on the proposal to expand Lower Halstow (Community) Primary School, Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne

21 June 2013

The Committee considered the responses received and the comments made at the public meeting and discussed the concerns raised. The Cabinet Committee resolved to endorse the proposed decision (12/00006) Lower Halstow School (Community) Primary to issue a public notice regarding the expansion, to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 explored all options and the expansion of this school was deemed the suitable option.

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

signed



date

24/6/13