

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

13/00070

or publication

Subject: Proposal to expand Lamberhurst St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Decision:

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

- (i) Issue a public notice to expand Lamberhurst St Mary's CE Primary School, Lamberhurst village, Tunbridge Wells

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

- (ii) Expand the school

Should objections, not already considered by the Cabinet Member when taking this decision, 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 Tunbridge Wells section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 indicates a need for additional places in the Lamberhurst/Goudhurst area.

The expansion of Lamberhurst St Mary's CE Primary School, Lamberhurst Village, Tunbridge Wells will address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at a good, popular school. In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 10 July 2013, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the District and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; 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:

12 September 2012

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places in the Tunbridge Wells area.

21 June 2013

The Committee recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform that a consultation takes place on the proposal to expand Lamberhurst St Mary's CE Primary School, Lamberhurst Village, Tunbridge Wells.

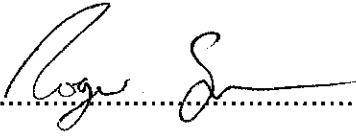
27 September 2013

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 (13/00070) to issue a public notice regarding the expansion of Lamberhurst St Mary's Church of England Primary School to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills

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

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2 October 2013

Signed

date