

From: **Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform**

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To: **Education Cabinet/Committee – 14 January 2014**

Subject: **Decisions taken outside of the Cabinet Committee meeting cycle**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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Summary: The attached decisions were taken between meetings as it could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Education Cabinet Committee for the reason(s) set out below.

Recommendation: That decisions: 14/00022 - Proposal to expand White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts, Dover; 14/00023 – Proposal to expand Furley Park Primary School, Ashford; 14/00013 - Proposed expansion of Garlinge Primary School & Nursery, Margate; 14/00012 - Proposal to merge and relocate Foxwood School, Hythe and Highview Schools, Folkestone were taken in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 7 be noted

- 1.1 In accordance with the new governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.
- 1.2 For the reason(s) set out below it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to it being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet. Therefore, in accordance with process set out in Appendix 4 Part 7 paragraph 7.18 of the Constitution, the following decisions were taken and published to all Members of this Cabinet Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 (i) Decision Number: 14/00022 - Proposal to expand White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts, Dover – The Education Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan at its meeting on 27 September 2013. The Commissioning Plan identified the need for additional places in the Dover Town planning area of Dover District. In addition the bid for funds to expand the schools was considered and endorsed at the same meeting of the committee under the Targeted Basic Need Report. To ensure the building works can begin on time the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle.
- (ii) Decision Number: 14/00023 – Proposal to expand Furley Park Primary School, Ashford - The Education Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan at its

meeting on 27 September 2013. The Commissioning Plan identified the need for additional places in the Ashford South East planning area of Ashford District. In addition the bid for funds to expand the schools was considered and endorsed at the same meeting of the committee under the Targeted Basic Need Report. To ensure that the building works can begin on time the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle.

- (iii) Decision Number: 14/00013 - Proposed expansion of Garlinge Primary School & Nursery, Margate. On 27 September 2013 Education Cabinet Committee recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform that a consultation takes place on the proposal to expand Garlinge Primary School & Nursery. To ensure that the building works can begin on time the Cabinet Member was required to take this decision outside of the Committee cycle.
- (iv) Decision number: 14/00012 - Proposal to merge and relocate Foxwood and Highview Schools, Members were informed of the public consultation on this proposal by email on 2 December 2013. It was necessary to take the decision in accordance with process set out in Appendix 4 Part 7 paragraph 7.18 of the Constitution as it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to it being taken by the Cabinet Member due to the timescales of the project and the schedule of Cabinet Committees.

2. **Recommendation:** That decisions: 14/00022 - Proposal to expand White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts, Dover; 14/00023 – Proposal to expand Furley Park Primary School, Ashford; 14/00013 - Proposed expansion of Garlinge Primary School & Nursery, Margate; 14/00012 - Proposal to merge and relocate Foxwood School, Hythe and Highview Schools, Folkestone were taken in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 7 be noted

Background documents:

Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/priorities_policies_and_plans/priorities_and_plans/bold_steps_for_kent.aspx

Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s43253/ItemD3KentEducationCommissioningPlan20132018final.pdf>

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