

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

14/00140

For publication

Subject: New primary school at Langley Park, Maidstone

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate £6million from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget.
- (ii) Authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (iii) Authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.

Should objections, not already considered by me when taking this decision, be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-2019 is key to achieving our aims and identifies the need for new school provision across Kent. One such need is a new two-form entry primary school at Langley Park in the Maidstone district. Our Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) identifies a second need; that is for more specialist resource base provisions (SRBP) for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views put forward in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local community, with two drop-in information sessions.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

- a. Capital – The total cost for the new school project is estimated to be £6 million.
- b. Revenue – KCC will provide a budget of £50,000 for start-up costs which will typically commence from January through to 31 August prior to the new school opening on 1 September 2016. This is to cover the costs of employing appropriate staff. On opening, the new school will be funded directly by the Education Funding Agency
- c. Human – The school will appoint additional teachers and support staff as required.

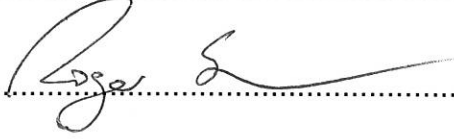
Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

4 December 2013: The Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform that a consultation take place on the proposal to provide a new primary school at Langley Park, Maidstone

Any alternatives considered:

A childcare sufficiency assessment has been undertaken in accordance with Section 11 of The Childcare Act 2006 in respect of the proposed new school at Langley Park, Maidstone. The assessment indicates there is a high demand for early years and childcare provision. Therefore, it is proposed that provision will be made in the school building for a pre-school/nursery. Promoters are required to agree to operate or commission the pre-school/nursery from the school site.

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


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Signed

15 DECEMBER 2014
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Date