

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

For publication

**Subject: The proposal to build a new Primary School at Kings Hill**

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate £2.2m from the Education & 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.

Reason(s) for decision:

On 27 September 2013 the Education Cabinet Committee received a paper on the Targeted Basic Need projects and the Committee resolved to endorse the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform on the proposed decisions to build the schools in the identified areas. The cost of the new primary school at Kings Hill was estimated to be in the region of £4.6m.

Costs within the construction sector have risen significantly since the original estimates were made. The project has also incurred additional costs in relation to contamination removal (asbestos), ground conditions and temporary accommodation. The revised estimated project cost is now in the region of £6.8m and appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital programme, which includes funding from the Targeted Basic Need allocation made by the DfE in August 2013. As the revised estimated project cost is more than 10% of the original estimate, a further decision is required to allocate the additional funds of £2.2m.

**Financial Implications:**

It is proposed to create a new 1FE primary school with 3FE infrastructure.

- a. Capital – The school will be built as a 1FE school initially on a site owned by KCC located at Kings Hill. The revised total cost is estimated to be in the region of £6.8m. The costs of the project are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed. If the cost of the project is greater than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.
- b. Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget on a 'per pupil' basis.
- c. Human – Valley Invicta Primary School at Kings Hill will appoint staff in line with the increasing

size of the school, as the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

**27 September 2013**

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places in the planning area of Tonbridge and Malling District.

**8 July 2015**

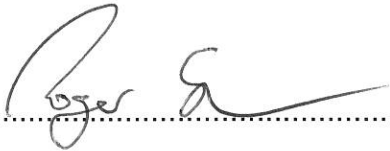
1. RESOLVED that the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee endorsed the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to approve the following capital projects, and allocate funding, from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, of the following amounts in order that the proposals may go ahead:

A further £2.2m for Kings Hill Academy, Tonbridge & Malling.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 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:



Signed

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Date