

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00092

For publication

Subject:

Proposed Relocation and Expansion of Wouldham All Saints CEPS (Tonbridge & Malling)

Decision:

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

Issue a public notice to:

(i) Relocate Wouldham All Saints CEP School to a site adjacent to Hall Road and expand the number of places from 210 to 420 for 1 September 2017.

And, subject to no new objections to the public notice

(ii) Implement the proposals according to the dates identified above

(iii) Allocate £7.95 million from the Basic Needs budget, which will be met in part by the capital receipt from the current Wouldham All Saints CEPS school site and £4.43 million from developer contributions.

(iv) 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

(v) 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 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 in order to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the District, Borough and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; the local MP Governing Bodies of the schools, Staff and Pupils; schools from the surrounding area
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee 15 December 2015

The proposal was discussed and the Committee **RESOLVED** to endorse the recommendation

Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee 14 October 2014

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places

Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee 4 December 2013

The Committee endorsed the recommendation to implement key proposals set out in the SEND Strategy.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-19 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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Signed

.....16 December 2015.....
Date