

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00083

For publication

Subject: Proposal to permanently increase the designated number of Wyvern School to 270

Decision:

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

Issue a public notice to permanently increase the designated number of Wyvern School to with effect from 01 September 2016

And following the ending of the public notice period:

Approve the permanent increase the designated number of Wyvern School to with effect from 01 September 2016

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 a proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent's Strategy for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) aims to address, amongst other things, gaps in provision. Therefore, the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2015-19) sets out the intention to commission 250 additional SEN school places. The Plan also mentioned a specific need to expand Wyvern School by up to 80 places.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 15 September 2015, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local County Councillors; Headteacher and Governing Body of Wyvern School;
- 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. a. Capital – The enlargement of the school requires the provision of additional classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities such as a medical room for the primary department. The total estimated cost of the expansion is likely to be in the region of £3.9 million.
- b. Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget. Special schools are funded using the DfE Place Plus funding methodology for High Needs Pupils.
- c. Human – The school will appoint additional staff as required, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Education Cabinet Committee 15 December 2015

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

Any alternatives considered:

The SEND Strategy explored all options and the expansion of this provision 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
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Date