

FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS LIST SUBMISSION

Decision to be taken by: Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

Date decision will be taken on or not before: January 2016

Decision No:
15/00094

Key decision? Yes

Reason: Expenditure of more than £1m

Subject: Proposal to enlarge Barton Court Grammar School, Longport, Canterbury, CT1 1PH by one form of entry adding a total of 150 secondary school places from September 2017.

Proposed decision:

- I. Allocate funding from the Capital budget

Is it expected that the Press and Public will be excluded for all or part of the discussion of the decision or that all or part of the decision documents will be exempt from publication? What is likely to be the reason for this exemption? N/A

How the decision relates to Facing the Challenge and Corporate Objectives

This proposal will help to secure our ambition “to ensure that Kent’s young people have access to the education, work and skills opportunities necessary to support Kent business to grow and be increasingly competitive in the national and international economy” as set out in ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council’s Strategic Statement (2015 2020)’.

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2015-2019 sets out how we will carry out our responsibility for ensuring there are sufficient places of high quality, in the right places, for all learners and this proposal supports that aim to provide sufficient places where they are needed.

Financial Implications: The costs to this project will be outlined in the report that will be considered by the Education and Young People’s Services Cabinet Committee.

Legal Implications: Any legal implications will be identified in the report to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform before he takes his decision to agree the capital expenditure required to provide the school with additional accommodation.

Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment will be produced before the start of the consultation process and will be accessible on line via the following link: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations.

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme?
Yes

Has the matter already been discussed by a Cabinet Committee – if so, what comments were received?

24 September 2014 - the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-19 was endorsed by the Cabinet Committee prior to the final version being considered and approved by Cabinet on 13 October 2014.

8 July 2015 – A report on the Future Provision of Secondary Education in Kent – Cabinet Committee noted the actions required to increase Secondary school capacity to meet the demands of a growing Secondary school population.

If not, when will be it discussed by the Cabinet Committee? and the date of the meeting?

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision is being updated and will go to Cabinet for endorsement in December 2015.

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

It is planned that the Academy will hold a consultation on the proposed enlargement later this year. The Academy will seek approval from the Secretary of State. If agreed, the Academy will consult on increasing their published admission number from 120 to 150.

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision?

Michael Northey, Canterbury South East

Supporting Documents: (Any documents that the decision taker is likely to rely on, or has relied on, in taking the decision)

Report to Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee on the outcome of the Academy's public consultation and Secretary of State's approval.

[Please notify Democratic Services should further documents be used to inform the decision]

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