

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

15/00114

For publication

Subject: Proposal to Close Pent Valley Technology College

Decision:

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

Issue a public notice to close Pent Valley Technology College from September 2016 for current Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 from 31 August 2016 and for all years from August 2017.

And following the ending of the public notice period:

Approve the closure of Pent Valley Technology College from September 2016 for current Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 from 31 August 2016 and for all years from August 2017.

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:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those attending the public consultation meeting on 18 January 2016, and those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local County Councillors and the Governing Body of Pent Valley Technology College;
- 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** - Nil
- b. **Revenue** – The estimated costs of closing Pent Valley Technology College are £5.9m. This includes writing off the predicted £3.7m debt of the School, redundancy costs, securing the site, terminating service contracts, and retention payments for staff remaining until August 2017. The figure also includes providing pupil level funding for Folkestone Academy and Brockhill Park Performing Arts College. We are currently in discussion with the Education Funding Agency as to whether they will meet this cost (£1m) as both schools are academies.
- c. **Human** – The School currently employs 162 staff. If the proposal is implemented, all staff will be made redundant. This will happen from 31 August 2016, except for 24 teachers and 36 support staff who will have deferred redundancies until 31 August 2017.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee

At its meeting on 17 February 2016, the Committee RESOLVED that to agree to endorse the

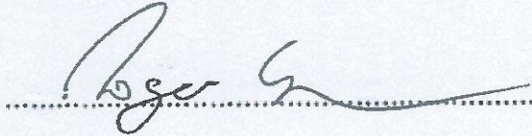
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform on:

- a) the decision to close Pent Valley Technology College to all year groups except Years 10 and 12 in August 2016, and to all year groups on 31 August 2017;
- b) exceptions should be made to the County Transport Policy where individual circumstances should be considered;
- c) retaining the Pent Valley Technology College site, on its return to KCC, for future educational need.

Any alternatives considered:

All alternatives were fully explored in the report presented to Education Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 17 February 2016.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None



23 / 02 / 2016

Signed

Date