

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

16/00033(f)

For publication

Subject: Proposed change of age range and the expansion of Leigh UTC

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I:

- a. Agree, subject to Ministerial approval, to allocate 50% of the total cost of the capital build project (estimated to be £10m), from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation.
- b. 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 with the Education Funding Agency
- c. 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:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

1. The views received from the consultation with parents/carers, staff and governors.
2. The views of the Governing Body
3. The views of the Local Member
4. the views of the Area Education Officer
5. the views of the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee.

Financial Implications:

The estimated capital build costs for the proposed scheme are £10m. The financial implications for KCC would be as follows:

- a. Capital – Kent County Council's contribution will be 50% of the total capital build cost. KCC acknowledge that the final contribution may be higher or lower than 50% of £10m, as the cost of the project is an estimate. If the required level of contribution is greater than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.
- b. Revenue – For a period of three academic years, the school will receive protection for an additional 120 Year 7 students. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 will be allocated towards the classroom setup costs.
- c. Human – The Leigh UTC will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

17 March 2016 report to Education and Young Person's Cabinet Committee

At its meeting the Cabinet Committee for Education and Young People's Services resolved to endorse the recommendation that the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform takes decision 16/00033(f) to change of age range and the expansion of Leigh UTC Agree, subject to Ministerial approval, to allocate 50% of the total cost of the capital build project (estimated to be £10m), from the

Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation. 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 with the Education Funding Agency

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15 December 2015 report to Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional secondary places in the Sevenoaks District.

Any alternatives considered:

Forecasts for the Dartford district indicate an increasing demand for Secondary school places, due to medium and large scale housing development and inward migration.

This enlargement will add an additional 120 Year 7 places to the capacity per year, in line with priorities in the Kent Policy Framework, 'Vision and Priorities for Education and Young People's Services' and the 'Commissioning Plan for Education' (2016 – 2020).

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

N/A



14 April 2016

Signed

Date