

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,

Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

16/00097

For publication

Subject: The expansion of Joy Lane Primary School

Decision:

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

- (i) Allocate £2m from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Education Cabinet Committee paper of the 14 March 2014 estimated the total cost of the expansion of Joy Lane Primary School to be in the region of £1.5m. Costs within the construction sector have risen significantly since the original estimates were made. Design development due to planning considerations and work at the Ladesfield site have added to the project cost. The revised estimated project cost is now in the region of £3.5m and appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital programme. As the revised estimated project cost is more than 10% of the original estimate, a further decision is required to allocate the additional funds of £2m.

Financial Implications:

It is proposed to enlarge Joy Lane Primary School by 210 places taking the PAN to 90 (3FE). The school will admit 90 children into the Reception class each year and eventually reach a total capacity of 630 places.

- a. Capital – The enlargement of the school requires the provision of 7 additional classrooms, as well as ancillary facilities. The total cost estimated was in the region of £1.5m and appropriate funding identified as part of the Medium Term Capital Programme. The revised total cost is estimated to be in the region of £3.5. The revised costs of the project are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed. If the total cost of the project exceeds the revised costs by more 10%, the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate funding.
- b. Revenue - The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget on a 'per pupil' basis.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

27 September 2013

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan 2013-18, which identified a need for additional places in the Whitstable planning area of Canterbury District.

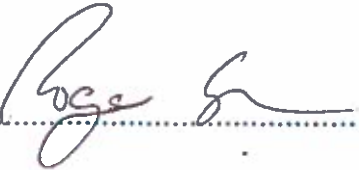
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The Committee resolved that to endorsed the proposed decision of the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to increase the funding allocated from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget to expand Joy Lane Primary School from £1.5m to £3.5m.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18 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:


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31 October 2016.....

Signed

Date