

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Roger Gough,  
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

**DECISION NO:**

16/00100

For publication

**Subject: Proposed Expansion of Harrietsham CEP School (Maidstone)**

**Decision:**

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

Issue a public notice to:

- (i) Expand Harrietsham CEP School, West Street, Harrietsham, Kent ME17 1JZ from 210 to 420, increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 30 to 60 for Year R entry for 1 September 2018

And, subject to no new objections to the public notice

- (ii) Allocate £3 million from the Basic Needs budget, which over a period of time will be offset by up to £1 million from developer contributions over a period of time.
- (iii) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the General Counsel (Interim) to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (iv) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.

Implement the proposals according to the dates identified above

The costs are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed. If the cost of the project would be exceeded by more than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

Should objections, not already considered by the cabinet member when taking this decision, be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal in order to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

This decision is subject to planning permission.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the District, Borough and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; the local MP Governing Bodies of the schools, Staff and Pupils; schools from the surrounding area
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee which are set out below

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

**23 November 2016 report to Education and Young People's Cabinet Committee**

Resolved that Cabinet Committee endorsed the proposed decision of the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to:

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

The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan 2016-20, which identified a need for additional places in the area.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20 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:  
None

Signed



30 November 2016  
Date