

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,  
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

16/00139

For publication

**Subject:** Proposal to permanently expand Regis Manor Primary School from 2FE to 3FE from September 2018.

Decision:

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

- a) Allocate £3.3 from the Education and Young People's Service Capital budget;
- b) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
- c) 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. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision.

Subject to Secretary of State approval and Planning Agreement.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2017-21) sets out the intention to commission additional school places in the North Sittingbourne Planning Area of Swale district. The Plan also mentioned a specific need to increase capacity at Regis Manor Primary School

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- The need for extra school places in Sittingbourne and the new housing proposed in the area.
- The analysis of the views put in writing in response to the consultation held by the Governing Body and Swale Academies Trust;
- The views of the local County Councillors, Area Education Officer; Headteacher and Governing Body of Regis Manor Primary School;
- 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 – Increasing the school's capacity requires the provision of additional classrooms and facilities. The total estimated cost of the extension is likely to be in the region of £3.3m.

b) Revenue – The School will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget. The rising rolls will be protected in line with KCC Growth Funding Policy. Revenue funding will also be allocated to enable the School to resource new classrooms. At present that is at a value of £6,000 per classroom.

c) Human – The School will appoint additional staff as the need arises.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

**RESOLVED** – That the Cabinet Committee endorsed the proposed decision of the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to:

1. Allocate £3.3m from the Education and Young People’s Service Capital budget;
2. Authorise the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
3. 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. Variations to contract value to be no more than 10% above the capital funding agreed by the Cabinet Member without requiring a new Record of Decision.

**This proposal is also subject to agreement from the Secretary of State for Education and Planning Agreement.**

Any alternatives considered:

Pressure on primary school places continues in Sittingbourne and the permanent expansion of Regis Manor Primary School is a cost effective solution to the problem.

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



26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Signed**

**Date**