

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

DECISION NO:

For publication

Subject: Commissioning Primary and Secondary Capacity in Ebbsfleet , Dartford

Decision:

- (i) Agree that a Free School Presumption Competition process can commence in order to seek applications from potential sponsors to run a new Secondary School in Dartford, within the Alkerden development on Eastern Quarry, which forms part of the Ebbsfleet Garden City.
- (ii) Agree that a Free School Presumption Competition process can commence in order to seek applications from potential sponsors to run a new Primary School in Dartford, within the Ebbsfleet Green development, which forms part of the Ebbsfleet Garden City.
- (iii) Allocate £2.5m from the Basic Need Capital Programme Budget to fund the provision of the second FE of the proposed 2FE Primary School on Ebbsfleet Green.
- (iv) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (v) 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.

In the event of an increase of costs exceeding 10% of the allocated funding, a further decision will be required.

Reason(s) for decision:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views of the Area Education Officer
- the views of the local members
- Equality Impact Assessment
- the views of the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

The funding allocation to build the second FE of the new 2FE Primary Free School is expected to be in the region of £2.5m.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
To be added after Committee meeting

Any alternatives considered:

Expansion of existing schools was considered and feasibility work undertaken. Ursuline College was considered to be a cost effective solution to providing additional Secondary School places in Dartford and this proposal is going forward. However, this alone will not meet the expected demand for the future. Other Secondary Schools in Dartford are also being considered for temporary or permanent expansion to ensure sufficient school places are available. The best solution for long term provision of Secondary School places is the establishment of a new Secondary School.

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

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Signed

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Date