

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

17/00100

For publication

Subject: Permanent 2FE Expansion of Ursuline College

Decision:

- (i) Allocate £3m for the permanent expansion of Ursuline College and agree that the LA hold a joint consultation on a proposal to permanently expand the school.
- (ii) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (iii) 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 for the project 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
- the Equality Impact Assessment
- the views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

a. Capital – The enlargement requires the school to be provided with additional general teaching spaces, specialist teaching areas and facilities. A curriculum assessment has been carried out in order to identify the additional accommodation required for the project. The cost of the project is estimated as £3m and this may increase as the project is developed. If the cost of the project 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 additional Year 7 pupils. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion, the sum of £6,000 will be allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

c. Human – The school will appoint additional staff as and when appropriate.

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 Thanet. However, this alone will not meet the expected demand for the future. Other Secondary Schools in Thanet are also being considered for temporary expansion to ensure sufficient school places are available until a new 6FE Secondary School can be established.

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

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Date