

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Eric Hotson - Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

DECISION NO:

17/00090

For publication

Subject: Land at the Detached Playing Field to Wilmington Grammar School for Boys – Taking of a long lease to Kent County Council for the benefit of Wilmington Academy.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, I agree to the County Council taking a lease for the benefit of Wilmington Academy, on terms to be finalised by the Director of Infrastructure.

Reason(s) for decision:

The footway is needed as part of a Basic Need project for the School, as formally approved by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, Mr R W Gough, on 13th April 2016, in conjunction with the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2017 – 2021.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was discussed by the Property Sub-Committee on 8 September 2017. The minute of that discussion is as follows:

112. 17/00090- Proposed new lease at the Detached Playing Field at Wilmington Boys Grammar School, Common Lane, Wilmington, for the benefit of Wilmington Academy (Item 8)

1. Mrs Spore and Mr White introduced the report and responded to questions of detail from the Sub-Committee, including the need for the land concerned to be fenced from the school premises for safety reasons.
2. The local Member for Wilmington, Mrs A D Allen, explained that the current proposal was the latest in a series of measures requested by parents to ensure the safety of pupils travelling to and around the site, following the expansion of the school. She expressed her support for the proposal and urged the Sub-Committee also to support it.
3. It was **RESOLVED** that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, to take a lease of a term in excess of 20 years for the benefit of Wilmington Academy, on terms to be finalised by the Director of Infrastructure, be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

The County Council is supportive of Wilmington Academy and is assisting with the delivery of a

Basic Need Project, which also requires the provision of a new footway into the Academy site, in the best interests of pedestrian safety in the locality. The County Council's freehold land leased to the Academy is unsuitable for the provision of part of the desired footway, and taking a lease of part of the adjoining land within the Boys Grammar School will regularise installation of the footway, which has recently been built to provide a direct benefit to pedestrian safety in the locality.

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



signed



date