

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

18/00020

For Publication

Subject: Proposed expansion of St. Peter's CEPS, Windmill Lane, Tunbridge Wells TN2 4UU and relocation to a new site in Hawkenbury

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Cabinet I agree to: support the permanent expansion and relocation of St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Windmill Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4UU to a new site in Hawkenbury. Its capacity will expand from 140 places to 210 places, increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 20 to 30 Reception Year places from September 2019. Therefore, I agree to:

- (i) Allocate £6.9 million from the Basic Need Capital Programme Budget, which over a period of time will be offset by approximately £1.5 million from developer contributions and an estimated £450,000 in capital receipts from the sale of the existing school site.
- (i) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (ii) 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

The Cabinet Member's decision on the project will be conditional upon planning permission being granted.

This decision is conditional upon planning permission being granted. The costs of the project are estimates and these 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.

Reason(s) for decision:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those who responded to the public education consultation
- the views expressed by the Area Education Officer for West Kent, the local Member, the Headteacher and Governing Body.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

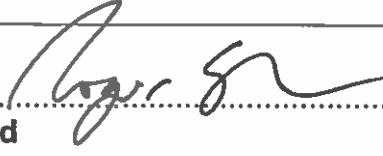
Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Due to the timings of the Cabinet Committee and the fact that any further delay to the decision is highly likely to result in a critical delay to the scheme beyond the September 2019 deadline, it is necessary to take the decision prior to it being considered by Committee. All Members have been given the opportunity to see the reports and comment on the proposed decision prior to the Cabinet Member taking it, and no comments have been received. A full report will be taken to CYPE Cabinet Committee on 10 July 2018 outlining the actions taken.

Any alternatives considered:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2018-22 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

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Signed

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24 May 2018
Date