

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:
The Leader of Kent County Council

DECISION NO:
18/00019

For Publication

Subject: Establishment a Specialist Resource Provision at The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge TN9 2PN

Decision:

As the Leader I agree to:

support the establishment of a new Specialist Resource Provision for up to 20 students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) at The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge TN9 2PN.

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 those put in writing by the Area Education Officer for West Kent, the school and the 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:

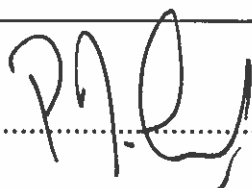
The matter was considered and endorsed by the Cabinet Committee for Children, Young People and Education at its meeting on 8 May 2018.

Any alternatives considered:

Kent County Council's Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 2017-2019 identified the need to add additional provision across the county. The SEND Strategy shows the need to create 209 extra places in special schools and 164 in mainstream schools. This provision would build on The Judd's existing expertise for supporting ASD students and offer essential places for high functioning students with ASD in the West Kent area. The proposal has the full backing of the school, the governing body and the vast majority of those who responded to the public consultation.

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

The Leader has been asked to take this decision due to the Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Education declaring an interest. Due to this interest being declared, the Cabinet Member has had no part in taking this decision.



Signed

1 June 2018

Date