

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

18/00035

For publication

Subject: Proposal to permanently expand Northfleet School for Girls, Gravesend from a PAN of 175 to 210

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I agree to:

- a. Allocate £4m from the Children, Young People and Education Capital Budget, to fund any necessary additional works or variations to accommodation.
- b. Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council.
- c. Authorise the Director of Infrastructure be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 It has been agreed by the Governing Body to permanently enlarge Northfleet School for Girls, increasing the PAN from 175 to 210 for the September 2018 intake.
 - a. Capital – Kent County Council's contribution will be £4m. KCC acknowledge that the final amount may be higher or lower as the costs of the project are an estimate. 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 an additional 35 Year 7 students. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum of £6,000 will allocated towards the classroom setup costs.
 - c. Human – Northfleet School for Girls will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The Gravesham district section of the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2017-21 identified pressure for Year 7 places in the Gravesham area. The Commissioning Plan identified a need to provide up to 100 additional places in the planning area from September 2017.
- 3.2 For 2017, the school was able to accommodate an increase in year 7 numbers within the existing buildings. Remedial building work was undertaken at the school to extend their dining area.
- 3.3 For 2018, the school will continue to be able to accommodate the additional numbers, but for 2019, permanent building works will be required.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee 10 July 2016:

The Committee RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, to

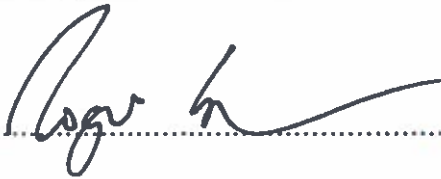
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be taken.

Any alternatives considered:

Every secondary school in the district was considered as a possible proposal for expansion according to several criteria, including location, cost, proximity to demand, site size, willingness of the school, highways issues, Sport England and Ofsted rating. Five all-ability schools have been identified for expansion and feasibility studies have been commissioned. All five schools are now the subject of a proposal to expand, or the subject of a dialogue with a view to expansion. Northfleet School for Girls is one of those schools.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:
None



21 August 2018

Signed

Date