

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

19/00023**For Publication**

Subject: proposed expansion of The Maplesden Noakes School, by increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 180 places to 240 places from September 2021.

Proposed Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Cabinet I propose to:

- (i) Allocate £6.0 million from the Basic Needs budget to fund the permanent expansion of The Maplesden Noakes 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

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 were to be greater than 10%, the Cabinet Member would be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

Reason(s) for decision:

In reaching this decision I have considered:

- 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, the School and the Governing Body.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The recommendations of CYPE Cabinet Committee will be added after its meeting on 28 March 2019.

Maplesden Noakes, with support from KCC, are in the process of completing a public consultation on the education case for expansion prior to submitting their fast track business case. The consultation is scheduled to run from 25 February 2019 to 25 March 2019 (midnight). The consultation document has been distributed to parents/carers, school staff and governors, County Councillors, Member of Parliament, the Diocesan Authorities, local libraries, Parish Councils, Maidstone Borough Council and others. The consultation document, together with an Equality Impact Assessment, have also been posted to KCC's website and can be accessed via the

following link: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-consultations>

Any alternatives considered:

The alternatives were all explored in the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2019-23 and the report presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee 28 March 2019

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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Date