

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet

DECISION NO:

19/00079

Unrestricted

Key decision: **YES**

Subject: The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2020-24

Decision:

The Cabinet approved the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2020-24 at its meeting on 27 January 2020.

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent County Council, as the Local Authority, is the Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision in Kent and as such is responsible for securing sufficient high quality school places, in the right places for all learners. This Plan sets out how we will achieve this responsibility for the period 2020-24 and beyond.

Equality Implications

An equality impact assessment, has been completed in respect of the Commissioning Plan itself, the assessment is whether the commissioning principles and guidelines may have an impact (either positive or negative) on any protected groups and if so what action, if any, should be taken to amend the Plan or to mitigate the negative impacts. None are noted presently.

Separate, more detailed analysis will be completed for individual commissioning proposals as they come forward to assess the impact on any protected group.

Financial Implications

The forecast impact of The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2020-24 on the Medium Term Financial Plan was considered by CYPE Cabinet Committee on 10 January 2020 and will be considered by Cabinet on 27 January 2020 prior to final sign off.

The financial implication of each project will be reported to the Cabinet Member for education and Skills prior to a decision being made.

Legal Implications

KCC is legally responsible for ensuring sufficient school places for all who require them. The Plan sets out how this will be achieved.

Legal implications in respect of individual commissioning proposals will be highlighted to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

CYPE Cabinet Committee 10 January 2020 considered the following item – 154. 19/00079 - *The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2020-24 (Item 10)*. The Committee considered and endorsed the report and recorded the following comment made by Cllr Ida Linfield:

that whilst the report was noted, she did not wish to endorse it.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

This updated KCP is a 'live' document which underpins our on-going dialogue and consultation with schools, district and borough councils, diocesan authorities, KCC Members and local communities, to ensure we meet our responsibilities.

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