Subject:
Proposal to expand St James' Church of England Junior School, Tunbridge Wells

Decision:
As Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills, I agree to:

ISSUE a public notice to expand St James' Church of England Junior School, Tunbridge Wells

Reason(s) for decision
The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 identifies a pressure in the Tunbridge Wells district in 2014/15, and a shortfall of places. The expansion of St James' Church of England Junior School, Tunbridge Wells will address these pressures and adheres to the principles of our Commissioning Plan as it increases capacity at a good, popular school.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation
The proposed decision was considered by the Education Cabinet Committee at its meeting held on 18 January 2013. The majority of the Committee supported the expansion of St James' Church of England Junior School, Tunbridge Wells and recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills that the proposal should proceed.

Any alternatives considered:
The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17 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