KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY: 
Roger Gough, 
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO: 
14/00100

For publication
Subject: Proposal to establish a Specialist Resource Base Provision at River Primary School for 12 pupils with Speech and Language Needs.

Decision:

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

The Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform is asked to take the decision to:

Issue a public notice to establish a Specialist Resource Base Provision at River Primary School for 12 pupils with Speech and Language Needs.

And following the closure of the public notice:

Establish a Specialist Resource Base Provision at River Primary School for 12 pupils with Speech and Language Needs.

Should objections, not already considered by the Cabinet member when taking this decision, be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent’s Strategy for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) aims to address, amongst other things, gaps in provision. Therefore the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2013-18) sets out the intention to commission 12 additional places for pupils with Speech and Language Needs (S&LN) via Dover based provision.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views put forward in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the local County Councillor; Headteacher and Governing Body of River Primary School.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

a. Capital – There are no capital costs involved in this project as River Primary School has sufficient capacity to accommodate the SRBP.

b. Revenue – The school will receive funding for an agreed number of commissioned places at £10,000 per place in accordance with the Place Plus High Needs funding methodology. In the first year place funding is guaranteed for four pupils, in the second year place funding is guaranteed for eight pupils and in the third year place funding is guaranteed for twelve pupils. The school will also receive £3,253 top up funding per actual pupil attending and a contribution of £16,667 towards set up costs.

c. Human – River Primary School will appoint additional teachers and support staff as the SRBP fills.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

4 December 2013: The Education Cabinet Committee agreed to endorse the actions to implement key proposals set out in the SEND Strategy.
Any alternatives considered:
The SEND Strategy explored all options and the expansion of this provision was deemed the suitable option.

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

Signed ..................................................  Date ..................................................  10 September 2014