KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

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

DECISION NO:
14/00121

For publication

Subject: Proposal to establish a Specialist Resource Base Provision at Nonington Church of
England Primary School (CEPS) for 8 pupils with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Needs.

Decision:

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

Issue a public notice to establish a Specialist Resource Base Provision at Nonington Church of
England Primary School for 8 pupils with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Needs.

And following the ending of the public notice period:

Establish a Specialist Resource Base Provision at Nonington Church of England Primary School for
8 pupils with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Needs.

Should objections, not already considered by me 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 8 additional places for
pupils with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Needs (BESN) 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 Nonington CEPS.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People’s Services Cabinet Committee which are set out
  below

Financial Implications

a. Capital – There are no capital costs involved in this project at Nonington CEPS.
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 three pupils, in the second year place funding is guaranteed for
   five pupils and in the third year place funding is guaranteed for eight pupils. The school will also
   receive £3,977 top up funding per actual pupil attending and a contribution towards set up costs.
c. Human – Nonington CEPS will appoint additional teachers and support staff as the SRBP fills.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
4 December 2013: The Education and Young People’s Services Cabinet Committee recommended to
the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform that a consultation take place on the proposal to
provide a new SRBP at Nonington CEPS.
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

5th November 2014