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

DECISION NO:  
15/00008

For publication

**Subject: Proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Hugh Christie Technology College**

**Decision:**

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

(i) Issue a public notice to make a prescribed alteration to Hugh Christie Technology College, White Cottage Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 4PU to create a new Specialist Resource Base Provision (SRBP) within the school for 50 students with a statement of Special Educational Needs or Education and Health Care Plan for Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) for September 2015.

(ii) And, subject to no objections not already considered, determine the proposal

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 in order to allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:
- the views expressed by those put in writing in response to the consultation;
- the views of the District and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; Governing Body of the school, the Staff and Pupils;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

**13 October 2014**
The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan, which identified a need for additional places and recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform that a consultation takes place on the proposal to additional capacity for ASD provision.

**4 December 2013**
Education Cabinet Committee were asked to endorse the actions to implement key proposals set out in the SEND Strategy.

**Any alternatives considered:** - None

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

Signed: [Signature]  Date: 22nd April 2015