KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

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

DECISION NO:
16/0002

For publication

Subject: Expansion of South Borough Primary School (Maidstone)

Decision:
As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform I agree to support the expansion of South Borough Primary School, Stagshaw Close, Maidstone ME15 6TL. Therefore, I agree to:

(ii) Allocate £2.6 million from the Basic Needs budget to fund the permanent expansion of the school to two forms of entry.

(iii) Authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance to enter into any necessary contracts/agreements on behalf of the County Council.

(iv) Authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.

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.

This decision is subject to planning permission being granted.

Reason(s) for decision:
In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those put in writing by the Area Education Officer for West Kent
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Education and Young People’s Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
21 January 2016
At its meeting the Cabinet Committee for Education and Young People’s Services resolved to endorse the recommendation that the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform takes decision (16/0002) to:

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15 December 2015
The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan 2016-20, which identified a need for additional secondary places in the Maidstone District.

14 October 2014
Education Cabinet Committee endorsed The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2015-19
Any alternatives considered:
The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20 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:

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Signed  Date