KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

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

DECISION NO:
16/00099

For publication

Subject: Proposed Changes to Oakley School, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4NE

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

Issue a public notice to:

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(iii) Extend the lower age range at Oakley School, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4NE to age 2 for 1st September 2017 in order to develop an observation and assessment nursery provision

And, subject to no new objections to the public notice

(iv) Allocate £586,000 from the Education and Young People’s Services Capital Budget

(v) Authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the General Counsel (Interim) to enter into any necessary contracts/agreements on behalf of the County Council

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

(vii) Implement the proposals according to the dates identified above

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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.

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, Borough and Parish Councils, the local County Councillor; the local MP; Governing Bodies of the schools, Staff and Pupils; schools from the surrounding area
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received 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:
23 November 2016 report to Education and Young People’s Cabinet Committee
Resolved that Cabinet Committee endorsed the proposed decision of the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to:

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15 December 2015 report to Education and Young People’s Cabinet Committee
The Committee endorsed the Kent Commissioning Plan 2016-20, which identified a need for additional places in the area.

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:

Signed ________________________________  30 November 2016
Date ________________________________