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Subject: Proposal to permanently change the age range of Herne Bay (Community) Infant School from 3-7 years to 2-7 years from September 2017.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education I propose to agree to:

a) Authorise the Corporate Director – Children, Young People and Education to issue a Public Notice to permanently change the age range of Herne Bay Infant School from 3-7 years to 2-7 years from September 2017.

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

Reason(s) for decision:
The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2017-21) sets out the local authority's duty to secure Free Early Education provision for Pre-school children, including places for 2 year olds;

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- The analysis of the views put in writing in response to the consultation;
- The views of the Area Education Officer and the Headteacher and Governing Body of Herne Bay Infant School;
- The Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications relating to this decision.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
This matter was considered and endorsed by the Cabinet Committee for Children, Young People and Education at its meeting on 22 June 2017

Any alternatives considered:
None

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

Signed

Date

4th July 2017