

## Officer Executive Decisions

### Review of School Organisation Plan 2011 - 2016

On 9 July 2013, Cabinet considered a report that updated Members on the School Organisation Plan 2011-2016, which established a framework for school organisation decisions to ensure an appropriate supply of school places linked to school improvement. The report reviewed the plan and the actions taken so far, and set out what further actions would need to be included in the ongoing implementation programme.

It was noted that the Plan had included an Action Plan, which highlighted specific proposals for developing provision in Medway over the lifetime of the plan, and an updated action plan was attached at Appendix 2 to the report. This showed the achievements in school planning and organisation, how each action had been approached and the status of any resultant actions.

The Cabinet agreed the following:

<i>Decision number:</i>	<i>Decision:</i>
112/2013	The Cabinet noted the progress made so far to actions flowing from the School Organisation Plan 2011-16 and approved the revised Action Plan.
113/2013	The Cabinet instructed the Director of Children and Adults to commence the options appraisals required to assess the options for providing the additional provision required in the Hoo St Werburgh area, and the Cuxton and Halling area. Proposals developed from the options appraisal would be presented to Cabinet at the appropriate time for approval and consent to progress with the necessary statutory processes.
114/2013	The Cabinet instructed the Director of Children and Adults to commence an options appraisal at the appropriate time to assess the options for providing additional primary provision in the Chatham and Rochester area, should the forecasts continue to indicate the need.

A copy of the report and Record of Decisions is available in the Council's website:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=2758&Ver=4>

Decision 113/2013 has been actioned and is reflected on this delegated authority form. Decision 114/2013 has not yet commenced as the forecasts indicate that no additional provision is necessary at this time or into the foreseeable future.

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Date of Decision: The options appraisals were commenced in September 2013

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### Details of any other options considered and rejected:

1. **For the Cuxton and Halling area;** to expand Halling Primary School instead of, or as well as, Cuxton Infant and Junior Schools.

At this stage it is not considered that both schools require expansion; based upon the options appraisal it was decided to expand the Cuxton Schools. Although, pupil numbers will be continually monitored to assess whether Halling Primary School should be expanded to provide additional capacity in the future.

2. **For the Hoo St Werburgh Area;** To expand Hoo St Werburgh Primary School

For 2 above it was considered that the preferred option was to expand the Hundred of Hoo Academy to incorporate a primary phase. A report on this was submitted to Cabinet on 13 May 2014

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**Conflicts of Interest:** None