

## Officer Executive Decisions

### Expansion of Primary School Places in Hoo St. Werburgh Village

On 13 May 2014 the Cabinet considered a report that requested authorisation from Cabinet to take action to provide sufficient primary school places in Hoo St Werburgh from September 2015.

The report noted that the School Organisation Plan had been reviewed in July 2013 and that the updated action plan, which accompanied the review, included the action to provide additional primary places in Hoo St Werburgh village for September 2015. The report gave details of the increasing demand for primary school places and considered the two options of expanding the current primary school or supporting the establishment of an all-through academy in partnership with the Williamson Trust on the Hundred of Hoo Academy site.

A copy of the report is available via the following link:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgconvert2pdf.aspx?id=23737>

### Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:

On 13 May 2014 the Cabinet agreed:

The Cabinet instructed the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to proceed with supporting the establishment of an all-through academy, working in partnership with the Williamson Trust, to provide the additional primary school places required in Hoo St Werburgh, to be implemented in readiness for 1 September 2015 and therefore authorised officers to request an in-year variation from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator to enable the PAN at Hoo St Werburgh Primary School to revert to 60.

**Decision:** The new school, under the Williamson Trust, opened in September 2015 and an in year variation to revert the PAN at Hoo St Werburgh Primary School to 60 was actioned in accordance with the regulations and has been approved by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

**Reasons for Decision:** In compliance with Cabinet decision above this decision will ensure the council meets its duty to provide sufficient good school places. It also complies with the actions in the approved School Organisation Plan 2011-16 and its review in July 2013, which highlight the need for additional places in the Hoo St Werburgh village area for September 2015.

**Date of Decision:** Officers have provided support with the establishment of an all-through academy between the Cabinet decision and September 2015, in readiness for 1 September 2015. An in-year variation from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator to enable the PAN at Hoo St Werburgh Primary School to revert to 60 was sought in 2014 and agreed on 10 November 2014.

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**Officer:** Paul Clarke, Strategic and Planning Analyst

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

The decision taken by officers was in compliance with Cabinet decision outlined above. The Cabinet report had explored the options of either expanding the current primary school, or supporting the establishment of an all-through academy on the Hundred of Hoo Academy site in partnership with the Williamson Trust.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None declared.