

Officer Executive Decisions

2017 Annual Review of the School Organisation Plan

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: On 26 September 2017, the Cabinet considered a report which updated the Cabinet on the progress that had been made against the School Organisation Action Plan, borne from the School Organisation Plan 2011-16. It identified areas of emerging need based upon the latest annual round of forecasting undertaken in April 2017.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Children's Services (Lead Member) and Educational Attainment and Improvement, to undertake the development and implementation of the programme to provide additional grammar school places within the budget set out in sections 3.12.2 and 6.6 of that report at one or more of the following schools:

- Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School
- Holcombe Grammar School
- Chatham Grammar School for Girls
- Rainham Mark Grammar School
- Rochester Grammar School
- Fort Pitt Grammar School.

(Decision no. 108/2017 refers)

The report may be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?Id=20028&Opt=3>

Decision: In accordance with the Cabinet decision the following schools have been expanded:

- Holcombe Grammar School
- Rainham Mark Grammar
- Sir Joseph Williamsons Mathematical School.

Reasons for Decision: To ensure that the Council meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient good quality school places are available.

Date of Decision: Expansion works were completed on 22 November 2019

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Details of any other options considered and rejected:

1. Not to expand - this would have resulted in a significant shortfall in available grammar school places for boys.
2. Expand further at same schools – not possible due to site restrictions at the schools and funding availability within the council's education capital programme.

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3. Expand at alternative schools – Not possible as the demand was for boy's grammar school places and the other grammar schools only admit girls. The three schools chosen for expansion are the only ones that admit boys.

Conflicts of Interest:

None