

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mr Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Corporate Support Services and Performance Management

DECISION NO.

10/01442

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Subject:

Delivering a Kent Digital Service

Decision:

(a) The Director of Strategic Development and Public Access in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Support Services and Performance Management be authorised to develop and agree ongoing proposals for a Kent Digital Service which will:

(i) retain some of the existing functionality and services previously delivered through Kent TV in order to actively engage with Kent residents and continue to pursue an alternative digital service.

(ii) provide services in an integrated way with the KCC website with options to include:

- What's On
- How To
- Tourism
- Youth channel
- Webcasting/democracy

(iii) provide under TUPE arrangements for the timely transfer of staff from Ten Alps to the County Council

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

This decision has been taken in accordance with the urgency provisions set out in the Council's Constitution in order to secure under TUPE arrangements the timely transfer of staff from Ten Alps to KCC.

The decision not to proceed with Kent TV but to retain some form of digital function (as outlined above) means TUPE applies. Given the timescales of the termination of the contract with the provider of Kent TV (Ten Alps), consultation needed to begin with staff urgently and Ten Alps needed confirmation to avoid issuing notices of redundancy. .

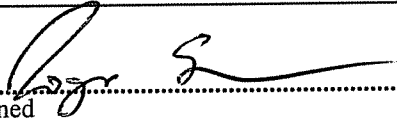
It was also important for KCC to continue to communicate effectively with staff within the existing Kent TV team.

The County Council budget approved on 18 February 2010 confirmed the intention of the County Council to have some form of digital service and therefore made budgetary provision for this service.

The option to "do nothing" was considered and rejected on the wealth of evidence that an increasing number of people wish to engage online and the proportion using video content to do this is also increasing. It is also important to utilise and not lose the wealth of content commissioned and produced as part of Kent TV and to ensure the kent.gov website has additional functionality to deliver an enhanced digital service.

Background Documents:

report to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Support and Performance Management which for completeness is attached to this Record of Decision



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25/2/10

 date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			