

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Paul Carter
Leader of the Council

DECISION NO:

17/00063

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Ashford Borough Council District Deal Refresh

Decision:

As Leader of the County Council, I agree to enter into the refreshed deal with Ashford Borough Council.

Reason(s) for decision:

In September 2015, Kent County Council (KCC) agreed the first District Deal in the County with Ashford Borough Council (ABC). This Deal is testament to the close working relationship the two authorities enjoy and their shared commitment to deliver quality services and major new projects in Ashford

The District Deal signed in 2015 is not a legally binding agreement but a short, clear statement of the Councils' shared commitment to work together in key areas.

The Deal has two main parts:

- A commitment to focus the combined efforts of both councils on delivering key strategic projects;
- An agreement to improve the way the Councils work together to make sure that we deliver the best quality outcomes possible for residents and businesses

The original Deal focused on the "Big 8" projects in Ashford, a series of regeneration projects across the district in which the two Councils are working together to deliver more effectively, as well as new ways of working across a range of agendas. This focus has helped to deliver several projects where both Councils share an interest – achieving the funding needed for both the Ashford station signalling and for M20 junction 10a; and signing the legal agreements to bring forward development at Chilmington Green are all prime examples.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**Any alternatives considered:**

N/A

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

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signed

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date

Name: