

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough - Leader of the Council

DECISION NO:

21/00061

For publication

Key decision: NO

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Provision of Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Services to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

Decision:

As Leader of the Council, I agree to:

Kent County Council entering an Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, and receive payment to deliver Internal Audit and Counter Fraud services to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council; and

Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Finance to take relevant actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other relevant legal agreements, as necessary to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The implementation of an IAA will provide long term stability and allow additional recruitment, with resources to be shared over the delivery of Internal Audit and Counter Fraud for both Councils. This will provide a wider range of skills and experience and enable the team to consistently accommodate work across both Councils, maximising the use of resources, efficiencies, and the capacity of the team. This will improve the resilience within the function.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The decision was considered and endorsed by Policy & Resources Cabinet Committee on 13th July 2021.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Continuing the current secondment agreements, or alternatively ending arrangements and not providing support for the function

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

None

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13 August 2021

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signed

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date