# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

## **DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

## For publication

Key decision: YES /-NO

## Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Independent Cost Consultancy Services

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to:

- Procure a single supplier agreement to allow independent cost consultancy services to be a) made available to teams within Growth, Environment and Transport.
- Provide the Director of Highways and Transportation with the delegated authority to enter into b) the appropriate contractual arrangements for the provisions of the Independent Cost Consultancy Services, including future extensions.

## Reason(s) for decision:

The Major Capital Programme Team has been using independent cost consultancy services for over 10 years to ensure that costings provided through the design process are realistic, that budgets are robust and to ensure that best value is achieved from highways, transportation, and other civil engineering projects. The cost consultants have also provided support in the preparation of construction contracts and advice on contractual matters.

The Major Capital Programme Team has an existing contract in place which has a value of £900,000 over 4 years and has supported 69 projects to date. The new arrangements will replace the existing contract which expires on 31 March 2022.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposal is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 8 September 2021.

Any alternatives considered and rejected: N/A

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

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