

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

**Derek Murphy, Cabinet Member for Economic Development**

**DECISION NO:**

23/00031

**For publication**

**Key decision: NO**

**Subject Matter / Title of Decision:** Extension of contracts with Locate in Kent and Visit Kent

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Economic Development, I agree to extend to March 2024 the current contract with Locate in Kent and the grant agreement with Visit Kent for the provision of inward investment services and the promotion of the visitor economy in Kent respectively.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Current contracts end in April 2023 (Locate in Kent) and March 2023 (Visit Kent). Members have agreed to continue to support both organisations to March 2024 but with reduced funding allocations.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposal is being discussed by Members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 14 March 2023.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

For each organisation to plan for budget reductions independently. This was rejected in favour of both working together to make savings in back office and administrative functions to ensure impacts to service provision was less impacted by the budget reductions.

**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