

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

DECISION NO:

23/00054

For publication

Key decision

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Capital Drainage Framework

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport, I agree:

- a) the Capital Drainage Framework for a maximum of four years; and
- b) provide the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport delegated authority to procure and enter into appropriate contractual arrangements for the provision of capital drainage works or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Capital Drainage Framework expired at the end of December 2022. Commissioned contracts through this framework are nearing their end. Due to the capital budget allocation for drainage works, there is still a requirement to procure a replacement framework to deliver this programme.

This framework will commence in the summer of 2023 and will continue for a maximum of four years. There is no workload guarantee in the framework agreement.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 23 May.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Option 1 – Do Nothing: Allow for the outstanding contracts to lapse. The Authority would not be able to deliver the planned programme of work. This presents unacceptable operational, financial, and reputational risk.

Option 2 – Extension of current framework: There are no available contract extensions permissible in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Option 3 – Deliver in house - The Authority does not have the internal resources (people, plant, and facilities) to deliver this type of work in-house. The implementation cost and schedule would not be economically advantageous to meet the planned programme of work.

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