

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

DECISION NO:

22/00095

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Pencester Road, Dover – Northbound Bus Contraflow

Decision:

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

- i) Approval to undertake the detailed design and any associated surveys required to inform the design;
- ii) Approval for KCC officers to project manage, input into the delivery and supervision of the project, with the cost of all staff and consultant time being recoverable against the project funding;
- iii) Approval to progress all statutory approvals or consents required for the scheme;
- iv) Approval to implement permanent Traffic Regulation Orders, associated with the contraflow bus lane, amendments to current parking/taxi bay provisions and ANPR enforcement cameras, subject to completing the statutory consultation process associated with Traffic Regulation Orders;
- v) Approval to carry out any additional consultation required for the scheme;
- vi) Approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme subject to a review of the procurement strategy by the Capital Officers Group / Strategic Commissioning;
- vii) Approval for any further decisions required to allow the scheme to proceed through to delivery to be taken by the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport under the Officer Scheme of Delegations following prior consultation with the Cabinet Member.

Reason(s) for decision:

Under decision 23/00027 the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport agreed to accept the DfT BSIP offer of £18,985,735, for delivery of agreed initiatives, in the year 23/24. To ensure that the Pencester scheme as one of the BSIP initiatives can progress to time, a further decision is required for approval to plan and spend the DFT BSIP funding.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was discussed and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 15 November 2023.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

An alternative route option was considered but this did not provide the journey time reliability and access to the town centre amenities that the proposed scheme does, nor did it provide other opportunities for the bus operator to improve existing bus services in the town centre and to provide a new link to the Port of Dover.

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

None



08/12/2023

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signed

date