

By: Anna Taylor, Scrutiny Research Officer
To: Scrutiny Committee, 28 February 2024
Subject: 23/00121 – Kent and Medway Economic Framework

Summary: As requested by Dr Sullivan and agreed by the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee the Committee is invited to discuss the decision to endorse the Kent and Medway Economic Framework.

1. Introduction

- a) On 18 January 2024 the [Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee](#) endorsed the proposed decision - [23/00121 - Kent and Medway Economic Framework](#), which was subsequently taken by the Cabinet Member, on 19 January 2024, to:
- a. endorse the Kent and Medway Economic Framework
 - b. support the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership in its implementation; and
 - c. delegate to the Director, Growth and Communities to take any necessary actions including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements as required to implement this decision.
- b) Following a request from Dr Sullivan, agreed by the Chairman, this decision has been placed on the Scrutiny Committee agenda for further exploration and discussion. This is in line with paragraph 17.54 of the [Constitution](#), which states the following
- 17.54** Any Member of the Council who is not a member of the Scrutiny Committee is entitled to give notice to the proper Officer that they wish an item relevant to the functions of the Committee or Sub-Committee (which is not an excluded matter as set out in 17.55) to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting. On receipt of such a request the proper Officer will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda. The Member concerned is entitled to address the Committee or sub-committee.
- c) During the discussion, Members may wish to explore the following areas:
- a. What agreement there has been from the District Councils to the Kent and Medway Economic Framework
 - b. How will this Framework be reviewed and when?
 - c. How will delivery of actions contained within the Framework be measured?
- d) The Cabinet Member and relevant officers will be in attendance at the Scrutiny Committee meeting to respond to Members' questions.

2. Attached documents

- [23-00121 - Record of Decision](#)
- [23-00121 - Decision Report](#)
- [23-00121 - Draft Economic Framework Ambitions and Action Areas](#)
- [23-00121 - Draft Kent and Medway Economic Framework](#)
- [23-00121 - Summary of Consultation on the First Draft Framework](#)
- [23-00121 - EQIA](#)

3. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the information provided at the meeting in response to Members' questions on the Kent and Medway Economic Framework.

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