KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Peter Oakford, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

23/00120

For publication Yes

Key decision: Yes This decision will result in a new Strategy or Policy outside of the Policy Framework

Title of Decision: The Kent County Council Digital Strategy 2024 - 2027

Decision:

As Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, I agree to the adoption of the Kent County Council Digital Strategy 2024-2027.

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent County Council (KCC) requires a Digital Strategy to coordinate and drive digital transformation activity and to provide the overarching framework that encompasses KCC's current and future digitally focused strategies and policies.

KCC has a Technology Strategy but has never had a Digital Strategy. The Digital strategy will focus on how KCC exploit technology to support and facilitate better digital experiences.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

No public consultation has been undertaken nor is planned. The matter was considered at a meeting of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 17 January 2024, where the proposed decision was endorsed.

This decision also received endorsement at the Strategic Reset Programme Programme Board, September 2023 and Strategic Technology Board, July 2023

Throughout development over 2,700 staff were invited to contribute and challenge the purpose, structure, and content, via a range of forums including staff groups, digital champions network, T200 network, bespoke innovation labs and key stakeholder groups such as directorate technology/system groups.

Any alternatives considered and rejected: Do nothing, which was discarded.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None.

18 March 2024

signed