

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

24/00038

For publication

Key decision: YES / NO

Subject Matter / BSIP Refresh 2024

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to APPROVE a BSIP initiative table for the period 2025-2029 for inclusion within Kent's 2024 BSIP submission. The table details proposed initiatives across a range of focus areas (e.g. network, fares and ticketing, infrastructure) which could be delivered should additional external funding be awarded to KCC through the Government's National Bus Strategy process.

Reason(s) for decision:

In January 2024 Government set out new BSIP guidance for all Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) requiring the submission of a revised 2024 BSIP by 12th June 2024. A 2024 BSIP must be submitted in order to secure the release of Tranche 2 BSIP funding and to ensure that wider funding for buses is not jeopardised.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the proposal at their meeting on 21 May 2024

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

To not produce a 2024 BSIP – This has been rejected as failure to submit a BSIP in line with Government requirements will result in the loss of tranche 2 BSIP funding for 24/25 and the release of BSIP+ funding which is vital for bus service support.

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

None.



6 June 2024

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date