

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

25/00017

For publication**Key decision: YES****Subject Matter / Title of Decision:**

Traffic Systems Asset Maintenance Contract

Decision:

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

- I. DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport to progress and complete a procurement process and enter into commercial contracts as necessary for the delivery of the service, subject to the approval of Strategic Commissioning
- II. APPROVE KCC officers to specify, project manage and supervise the service to meet the needs of all road users.
- III. DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth Environment & Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to take relevant actions, including but not limited to, awarding, finalising the terms of and entering into the relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary, to implement the decision

Reason(s) for decision:

The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that all Traffic Systems Assets on the public highway are maintained in safe working order and enable the efficient movement of all road users on the network.

This decision is necessary to ensure continuity of an existing statutory duty to maintain assets on the public highway network when the current contract ends.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was considered and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 25 February 2025.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Cost reimbursable with open book (NEC Option E) where the contractor would be paid actual costs with an agreed percentage increase for overheads and profit. This does not offer good value for money and places all the pricing risk on KCC.

Lump sum for routine and non-routine works (NEC Option A). Day to day fault repairs, inspections and non-routine work would be at a fixed monthly sum. This offers no incremental financial controls or work prioritisation and does not allow a flexible approach to changes.

Insourcing with a supply only contract for equipment. Transfer contractor staff to KCC employment and procure a supply only contract with one of the traffic signal suppliers. These staff would require specialist training and increase the risk to KCC with little financial incentive.

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

None



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signed

18.03.2025

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date