

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Paul King
Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Coastal
Regeneration

DECISION NO:

25/0005

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision Integrated Work and Health Strategy for Kent & Medway

Decision:

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Coastal Regeneration is asked to

APPROVE and ADOPT the Kent and Medway Integrated Work and Health Strategy on behalf of Kent County Council. Other partner organisations (Medway Council, the Kent & Medway Integrated Care Board) will also be taking the Plan through their own approval processes.

DELEGATE authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Director of Growth and Communities, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health and Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Coastal Regeneration, to sign off the final plan, refresh and/or make revisions to the Plan as appropriate during the lifetime of the plan

DELEGATE authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Director of Growth & Communities, to take relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of, and entering into required contract or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision

Reason(s) for decision:

The development of the Integrated Work and Health Strategy for Kent & Medway and its subsequent implementation is an important area of work for KCC and its partners to tackle the level of economic inactivity both nationally and within Kent & Medway and the negative impacts that this has on individuals and the local economy. The Integrated Work and Health Strategy for Kent & Medway and the support it has from key local stakeholders will enable Kent & Medway to support local businesses and residents by tackling barriers to employment and helping individuals to access and succeed in work while tackling skills gaps faced by key industry sectors.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was considered and endorsed by Members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 1 July 2025 and Members of the at the Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 8 July 2025

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Do nothing. This was rejected as there is a national expectation and strong local support for the development of an Integrated Work and Health Strategy for Kent and Medway.

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

signed

date

4.8.25