

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Peter Osborne, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

DECISION NO:

25/00062

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Active Travel Funding Grant (ATF5 – Tranche 5) – Capital and Revenue

Decision:

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

1. APPROVE the acceptance of the Active Travel Fund (ATF5) Grant award and the deployment of the grant funding in accordance with the grant conditions to take the ATF5 projects through their various stages of scheme development and delivery.
2. DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and the S151 Officer to agree to enter into the necessary grant agreements.
3. DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport to deploy and manage the grant allocation funding to take the ATF5 projects through their various stages of scheme development and delivery.
4. DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member and S151 Officer, to accept and deploy future years funding allocations of the grant, providing it is on similar terms.
5. DELEGATE authority to Director of Infrastructure to progress and complete all relevant construction property and Compulsory Purchase Orders as necessary to deliver the schemes.
6. DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport to take other necessary actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement the decision. .

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent County Council has been awarded a Capital and Revenue Grant totalling £1,886,065 by Active Travel England to develop and construct active travel schemes across the county. This funding is based on Kent's population size and its capability rating in delivering active travel projects, which influences future government funding. A key decision is required to seek approval to accept the Capital & Revenue Grant because it is over the £1m threshold

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

No formal consultations have been undertaken at this stage due to the stage of the process of accepting the grant we are at. Notwithstanding this, as each scheme develops, local consultations will take place. Should there appear to be a lack of support for any proposed scheme then a recommendation will be made to the local Joint Transportation Boards and a decision made by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation as to whether it progresses or not.

A Cycling and Walking Member Group is in place to guide KCC officers on prospective schemes, policies and best practice procedures.

Local Members will be consulted as schemes develop within their constituencies

The proposal is being considered by members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee

at their meeting on 9 September.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Not to accept the direct grant. KCC would not be able to fund active travel projects that are shown to have health, environmental, accessibility, community and economic benefits for Kent residents.

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

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signed

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