

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Paul King, Cabinet Member for Environment,  
Coastal Regeneration & Special Projects

**DECISION NUMBER:**

26/00007

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**Executive Decision – key**

[26/00007](#) – Heritage Conservation Strategy

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**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Environment, Coastal Regeneration & Special Projects I agree to:

(a) APPROVE the revised Heritage Conservation Strategy; and

(b) DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, or another Officer as required by the Corporate Director, to review, refresh and/or make non-substantial revisions to the strategy on an annual basis where changes do not require additional governance

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**Reasons for decision:**

The Heritage Conservation Strategy is being updated mainly to implement an Executive Decision requiring Kent County Council to divest its windmills as sustainable community assets, reduce long-term costs, and comply with new legal requirements. The update also ensures the strategy remains aligned with current priorities and legal obligations.

**Financial implications:**

The cost of updating the strategy is limited to staff time and minor redesign of the final document.

There would be a Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay saving of up to £150k pa (plus service/Corporate Landlord costs of approximately £23k pa) once all assets are divested and once all arrangements are finalised.

**Legal implications:**

None at this stage to update the Strategy.

**Equalities implications:**

Depending on the nature of the divestment methods chosen, older people could be disproportionately impacted upon.

The revised strategy and information on divestment will be disseminated in accessible formats in order to ensure that people of all groups can learn about the future process of divestment and participate in any opportunities offered.

**Data Protection implications:**

None

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**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposed decision was considered by the Growth, Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 10 March 2026.

The Cabinet Committee recommended that “***at the start of objective eight on page 205 that it reads, the council commits to setting up a Kent Windmills Trust to coordinate the future management of Kent's windmills and to support current and future volunteer groups intending to own or manage Kent windmills'***”

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

Not updating the Heritage Conservation Strategy was considered but rejected due to strong support from members and senior management and the need to align with the Executive Decision

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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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Date