KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:	DECISION NUMBER:
David Wimble: Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Special Projects	26/00052

Executive Decision – key

26/00052 – Kent County Council (KCC) Energy Strategy

Decision:
As Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Special Projects, I agree to:

APPROVE and **ADOPT** the Kent County Council (KCC) Energy Strategy;

DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Special Projects, to finalise and publish the KCC Energy Strategy, including making any necessary minor or presentational amendments that do not materially alter its substantive objectives or priorities; and

DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport to take the relevant actions, including, but not limited to, negotiating, finalising the terms of and entering into the necessary arrangements, contracts and associated legal documentation required to implement this decision.

Reasons for decision: Kent County Council's (KCC) Energy Strategy sets out the key energy challenges facing Kent and the ways in which KCC will work to support the county's residents and businesses to benefit from the energy transition through access to reliable, affordable and clean energy.

Financial implications:
The adoption of the Strategy does not create any immediate additional financial commitment. Implementation will be undertaken within existing resources and budgets. Any future proposals requiring additional expenditure or external funding will be subject to separate approval.

Legal implications:
The adoption of the Strategy does not create any immediate legal commitments. Any future projects or agreements arising from its implementation will be subject to the relevant legal, regulatory and governance requirements.

Equalities implications: None identified through EqIA

Data Protection implications: None

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
This version of the PROD is included in the agenda pack for committee members to review ahead of the meeting.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:
To continue without an Energy Strategy. This was dismissed as it is felt helpful for all stakeholders to understand the hierarchy of KCC's ambitions around energy for the 2026 – 2028 period

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

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Signed	Date