

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Paul Carter, Leader of the Council

DECISION NO.

10/01499

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject: Funding arrangements to support the re-profiling of East Kent Opportunities Limited Liability Partnership and in particular amendment to the funding arrangements for the Eurokent Spine Road.

Decision:

As Leader of Kent County Council, I Agree to:

- i. Endorsement of KCC's short term loan to East Kent Opportunities Limited Liability Partnership to be repaid during 2010-2011;
- ii. Agreement that the Eurokent Spine Road costs, estimated at £5.4m plus interest, to be fully repaid by EKO before the end of the 2013-2014 financial year; and
- iii. Agreement that the Director of Economic Development, in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, determines the detailed arrangements of the repayments schedule for the Eurokent Spine Road costs with East Kent Opportunities LLP.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

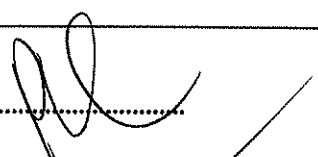
East Kent Opportunities LLP was established to bring forward the complementary development and related economic benefits of the two sites within its control at Manston and Eurokent in Thanet over a period of ten years with a proposal to review that timeframe after five years. The LLP is still well within the review timeframe and the objectives of bringing forward these key sites, delivering new homes, employment space and wider regeneration benefits, remains appropriate and achievable.

The recent economic climate has slowed progress but sales on strategic sites at Manston and the process for submitting the planning application for Eurokent, based on the master-planning work, are in progress. In order for EKO to maintain momentum and be best placed as the wider economic situation improves it is considered appropriate to continue to maintain the operational capacity of the partnership and the partnership's budget has been set accordingly. The alternative of not re-profiling funding and suspending or dismantling the LLP has been considered but would not realise the financial investment made to date or deliver the economic benefits which is the overarching aim of the Partnership. The current requirement to re-profile funding and raise loans is as anticipated when the Members' Agreement was established and in accordance with its provisions.

Background Documents:

Record of Decision to enter into a Joint Venture dated 16 March 2007, and the Supporting Report for that decision. Financial Schedule, exempt, not for publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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| Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny | | | |
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| Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration | | | |
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| Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued | | | |
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