

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

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Cabinet Member for Commercial and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

13/00040 (b)

For publication

Key Decision

Financial criteria exceeded - expenditure over a £1M

Subject: Swanley Gateway

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Commercial and Traded Services, I agree to the creation of a Gateway in Swanley, to be housed in the current Library building and in accordance with the details set out in the accompanying report.

The Executive Scheme of Delegation for Officers set out in Appendix 2 Part 4 of the Constitution (and the directorate schemes of sub-delegation made thereunder) provides the governance pathway for the implementation of this decision by officers. In this instance, the Director of Economic Development, Director of Property, Infrastructure and Support (on behalf of the Corporate Director Business Strategy & Support) and Director of Governance and Law will take all such steps as are necessary to implement the decision including entering into all necessary legal and contractual agreements covering the building, management and partnership arrangements.

Reason(s) for decision:

This decision represents the final stage in the development of a valuable partnership. The documents capture the aims and obligations of the parties to the arrangements and form an important basis for how the Gateway will deliver into the future.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Swanley Gateway plans have been discussed by the Communities Cabinet Committee in June 2013 and also considered as part of Business Plan monitoring information on other occasions.

Further to these discussions all Members, including Local Members will be asked for comments before the decision is taken by the Cabinet Member. Any comments received will be published with the decision.

Any alternatives considered:

1. Initial proposals included a large new build on the facility and this has been value engineered back to allow for a simple refurbishment.
2. Do nothing approach was considered however the cost implications are very similar to the current proposal with much higher political risks in the short term.

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

None

signed

date

4/8/14