

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member – Environment and Transport

DECISION NO:

15/00064

For publication or exempt – please state

Subject:

Highways and Transportation schemes funded through Local Growth Fund Round Two

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, I give authorisation for the Council to enter into agreement for the transfer of Local Growth Fund to the respective delivery organisation for;

- a) The Ashford Spurs Rail Project and;
- b) The Dover A20 Improvements Scheme (as part of Dover Western Docks Revival.)

Reason(s) for decision:

In January 2015 the Government announced a Growth Deal Extension, increasing Kent County Council's Local Growth Fund allocation for Highways and Transportation projects to £109 million. Of the 24 transport projects allocated Local Growth Fund, four will be delivered by third party organisations. This includes the delivery of Ashford Spurs Rail Project by Network Rail and A20 Improvements in Dover as part of Dover Western Docks Revival to be managed by Dover Harbour Board.

Agreements are required to enable the transfer the allocation of Local Growth Fund between Kent County Council and the respective delivery organisations for these two projects.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
Any alternatives considered:

In December 2014 Kent County Council and Medway Council put forward a Local Growth Fund 2 submission to Government which included Ashford Spurs and Dover A20 Improvements Projects. These projects were selected as projects of national importance and due to their impact in supporting economic growth.

Ashford Spurs and Dover A20 Improvements Project Business Cases are currently being developed. The Project Business Case documents will identify all options considered to achieve the project objectives. The Business Case will be scrutinised by the SELEP Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE), to ensure the project will deliver Value for Money.

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

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date