

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mike Whiting

Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

DECISION NO:

18/00068

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: : Managing Kent’s Highway Infrastructure

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste, I agree that

- (i) the Asset Management strategy documents that, once formally adopted and published, will form the basis of evidencing a Band 3 Incentive Fund rating and secure Department for Transport capital funding of £4.6m in 2019/20;
- (ii) the proposed Service Level Risk Assessments which record our current approach to highway maintenance and associated risks which, once formally adopted and published, will complete our initial implementation of the new Code of Practice. In turn this supports KCC ability to put forward a special defence in accordance with S58 of the Highways Act.

Reason(s) for decision:

In 2016 the Department of Transport (DfT) identified that local authorities should adopt better principles of highways asset management. An incentive fund was created to encourage improvements in how highway assets are managed and maintained. KCC has been evolving our approach in line with a Well Managed Highways standard, with the objective of satisfying the criteria for the top category of asset management. This Band 3 rating would provide the maximum Incentive Fund allocation. For 2019/20 this is £4.6m. Officers have also analysed the potential implementation risks/requirements (Service Level Risk Assessments) to ensure that we continue to maintain the highway to the standard necessary support a special defence in accordance with S58 of the Highways Act.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Cabinet Committee considered these matters in July 2018 and KCC subsequently adopted and published two key documents:

- Well-managed Highway Infrastructure: Applying the Code of Practice in Kent;
- Well-managed Highway Infrastructure: Implementing the Code of Practice in Kent

The proposed decision is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 17 January 2019.

Any alternatives considered:

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

Name:

