

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Michael Payne, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

DECISION NO:

20/00024

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Local Growth Fund Round 3b Third Party Scheme – Kent and Medway Medical School

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport I approve the progression, via KCC's Local Growth Fund arrangements, for the Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS), allowing it to progress to the stages of development and delivery to enable the scheme funding to be spent by March 2020.

Specifically, this comprises approval for:

- KCC to act as the accountable body for the project;
- KCC to enter into a Local Growth Fund (LGF) funding agreement; and
- KCC to enter into legal agreements with the relevant third parties delivering the schemes to transfer the conditions of the LGF spend and project management to them

I also agree to delegate authority to Corporate Director of GET, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance & Procurement, to enter into relevant legal agreements and take other actions necessary to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

As the end of the Growth Deal (March 2021) approaches, a number of projects throughout the SELEP region have experienced difficulty with delivery; and to date £33.396m of funding has been returned to SELEP for reallocation to projects which have demonstrated deliverability by March 2021.

Through this process, two allocations have been made available for the Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS). This scheme is being delivered by external partners (The University of Kent and Canterbury Christchurch University). KCC will transfer the LGF funding on to the third parties for the delivery of the scheme.

This decision will enable a legal agreement to be signed between the County Council and the Universities. The legal agreement needs to be signed before 31 March 2020 for the LGF can be drawn down and transferred to the delivery partners for the delivery of the project and it transfers the responsibilities for the programme management of the KMMS to the Universities.

Reason for Urgency

KCC's position as Accountable body for LGF projects in Kent is confirmed in KCC decision 16/00050 and the approval to release the funds was a decision made by SELEP. To ensure an appropriate audit trail for KCC's involvement in the transfer of funding and project management responsibility, a key decision is necessary. However in view of KCC's intermediary status in this transaction, the Key Decision requirement was identified later in the process – to ensure funding can still be drawn down,

it is therefore necessary to take this decision prior to it being published on the FED for 28 days and before the next Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

N/A

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

M. J. P. J.
signed

23/03/2020
date