

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Michael Payne

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

20/00082

For publication

Key decision*

Yes

Subject: Ebbsfleet Development Corporation Funded Programme – Green Corridors Programme Phase 3

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport I agree to give approval for KCC to accept the capital grant from Ebbsfleet Development Company and to take the Green Corridors Phase 3 Programme through the next stages of development and delivery as indicated on the proposed decision sheet attached at Appendix A and specifically for

- i. Approval to enter into a funding agreement with EDC subject to the approval of the Corporate Director of Finance, Corporate & Strategic Services;
- ii. Approval for KCC to appoint a Project Manager to deliver the programme;
- iii. Approval to undertake the design and surveys for the project. This work will be undertaken by appointing a consultant through the KCC professional Services Framework Contract;
- iv. Approval to progress all statutory approvals or consents required for the schemes, including transfer of land and rights;
- v. Approval to carry out any additional consultation required for the schemes;
- vi. Approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the schemes;
- vii. Approval for any further decisions required to allow the schemes to proceed through to delivery to be taken by the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport under the Officer Scheme of Delegations following prior consultation with the Cabinet Member.

Reason(s) for decision:

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) is providing KCC with a grant of £7.4m between 2020/21 and 2022/23 to manage and deliver the Green Corridors Phase 3 Programme. The purpose of the Green Corridors project is to aid the creation of a walking and cycling culture to improve public realm, the quality of life for residents and resident satisfaction, whilst making routes safer to use, more appealing and less polluted by traffic. It aims to connect developments around Ebbsfleet Garden City by implementing usable walking and cycling infrastructure within a fully connected network. Through KCC managing and delivering this programme of works, there are further opportunities to shape the routes which are progressed; in particular linking with potential initiatives being delivered through the Emergency Active Travel fund as well as Local Growth Fund schemes which have already been delivered.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

EDC has considered options for the routes to be investigated as part of the Green Corridors programme. The long list of routes comprised all the missing walking and cycling links needed to connect the planned new developments with existing destinations. This list was reduced to a shortlist by removing all links which are expected to come forward through developer contributions

The proposal was considered and endorsed by Members of Environment and Transport Cabinet

Committee at their meeting on 15 September 2020.

Any alternatives considered:

1. EDC to fund and deliver.
2. EDC to fund and KCC to deliver. This is the preferred option. This option also has benefits for KCC by allowing KCC to influence the routes which are taken forward.

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

None

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. B. J.', followed by a dash.

Date: 18 September 2020