

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Paul King
Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Coastal
Regeneration

DECISION NO:

25/00046

For publication**Key decision: YES****Subject Matter / Title of Decision** Get Kent and Medway Working Plan**Decision:**

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Coastal Regeneration is asked to:

APPROVE and ADOPT the Get Kent and Medway Working Plan on behalf of Kent County Council. Other partner organisations (Medway Council, the Kent & Medway Integrated Care Board and Jobcentre Plus) will also be taking the Plan through their own approval processes.

DELEGATE authority to the Director of Growth & Communities in consultation with the Director for Public Health; Corporate Director for Children, Young People & Education; Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Coastal Regeneration; Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health; and Cabinet Member for Education & Skills to sign off the final plan.

DELEGATE authority to the Director of Growth & Communities in consultation with the Director for Public Health; Corporate Director for Children, Young People & Education; the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Coastal Regeneration; Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health; and Cabinet Member for Education & Skills to refresh and/or make revisions to the Plan as appropriate during the lifetime of the plan.

DELEGATE authority to the Director Growth & Communities in consultation with the Director for Public Health, and Corporate Director for Children, Young People & Education to take relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of, and entering into required contract or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Get Kent & Medway Working Plan will play an important role to tackling the level of economic inactivity due to ill health, the numbers of young people classified as NEET and the skills gaps faced by employers nationally and in Kent & Medway and related challenges and provide opportunities to support the local workforce and employers which will in turn, benefit the local economy.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being considered by Members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 1 July 2025.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Do nothing: (discounted). It is a government commitment to have a Get Brittan Working Plan and therefore the Department for Work & Pensions wrote to Kent County Council (KCC) on 28 February requiring the Council to lead the development of the Get Kent & Medway Working Plan.

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