

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Peter Osborne, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

25/00051

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Local Highways Maintenance Support Contract (LHMSC) 2025

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to:

- (i) APPROVE the procurement and contract award of zero value Local Highways Maintenance Support Contracts.
- (ii) DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth Environment & Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to take relevant actions, including but not limited to, awarding, finalising the terms of and entering into the relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary, to implement the decision; and
- (iii) DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to award extensions of the contracts in accordance with the relevant clauses within the contracts

Reason(s) for decision:

Under S.41 of the Highways Act 1980 the council has the legal duty to maintain its highways and all highway assets (e.g. bridges, tunnels, drainage etc). This duty includes responsibility for maintaining, managing and where necessary improving sections of the network and to keep the highways safe for the travelling public.

The Local Highways Maintenance Support Contracts augments delivery of highway maintenance services directly at a local level for the residents and businesses of Kent. The works undertaken as part of these contracts are managed by the local Highway Managers and their teams ensuring the budgets are spent appropriately to repair and prevent potholes and improve highway condition at those locations.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 17 July 2025

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Do nothing. This option has been ruled out. These contracts have supported delivery of highways maintenance and repairs very successfully over many years and are required to ensure delivery and resilience in the service. They also ensure that any additional grant funding can be utilised to maximum benefit and within the spend requirements of the grant.

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