

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

**Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways,
Transport and Waste**

DECISION NO:

19/00053

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Dover Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) – Infrastructure delivery partner with Dover District Council

Decision:

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

- i) Approval to enter into legal agreements with Dover District Council to undertake the delivery of the Infrastructure Works at no cost or risk to the County Council.
- ii) Approval for KCC officers to project manage, input into the delivery and supervision of the project, with the cost of all staff and consultant time being recoverable against the project funding.
- iii) Approval to undertake the detailed design and surveys for the project, to include a new bridge crossing the A2, associated approaches to link to existing/proposed highway, a new link road through the undeveloped White Cliffs Business Park, improvements to the existing Dover Road and links/improvements for the junction onto the existing A258. This work will be undertaken by procuring consultants through an existing framework contract.
- iv) Approval to acquire the land and rights for carrying out the construction and maintenance of the BRT project
- v) Approval to progress all statutory approvals and consents required for the scheme including Section 6 Agreement with Highways England, drainage and environmental consents and detailed planning permission.
- vi) Approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme subject to the approval of the Infrastructure Commissioning Board to the recommended procurement strategy.
- vii) Approval for any further decisions required to allow the scheme 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:

The Dover Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will provide a high quality and reliable public transport service linking major housing allocations at Whitfield (5,750 homes) to Dover Town Centre and the High-Speed Rail services at Dover Priory Station.

The project will help support housing delivery, job creation and general economic activity, as well as provide transport mitigation to both local and strategic road networks and improve public transport links. The project is fully funded by an allocation of £16.1m of HIF funding to Dover District Council and carries no risk or cost to KCC.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Once the design is sufficiently developed, a public consultation will be held with key stakeholders, the local community and the general public, to allow the scheme to be refined and the design finalised. The consultation will be carried out jointly with Dover District Council.

The scheme is being discussed at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 16 July

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

None

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