

FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

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This list of Forthcoming Executive Decisions publicises all known decisions which Kent County Council intends to take over the next six months. It gives information on the projects that will be coming forward and who will be involved with them. Key decisions are marked clearly as such within the list.

Please use the contact details given to let us know your views.

LIST OF FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Each week the list of Forthcoming Executive Decisions is updated where there are additions, deletions or amendments to be made. Although Kent County Council aims to include all known decisions, statute requires that all Key decisions must be publicised in this way.

A "Key Decision" is an Executive-side Decision which is likely to:

- (a) result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the area of the local authority. Key Decisions can only be taken by the Cabinet, the Leader or an individual Cabinet Member.

Decisions which should be regarded as Key Decisions because they are likely to have a significant effect either in financial terms or on the Council's services to the community include:

- (a) Decisions about expenditure or savings over £1,000,000
- (b) Adoption of major new policies not already included in the Policy Framework (Constitution Appendix 3) or changes to established policies
- € Approval of management and business plans
- (d) Decisions that involve significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether County-wide or in a particular locality. For example, closure of a school, approval of a major project (such as a highway scheme) or programme of works, major changes in the eligibility criteria for provision of a service, major changes in the fees charged for a service, or proposals that would result in a service currently provided in-house being outsourced.
- € Decisions where the consequences are likely to result in compulsory redundancies or major changes in the terms and conditions of employment of a significant number of employees in any of the Council's functions.

Preparation of the list helps the Council to programme its work and ensures compliance with the 'Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) regulations 2012.

The list outlines the consultation that is proposed in respect of future decisions and who members of the public and the Council should contact to make comments on any particular item. Anyone is entitled to obtain copies of the documents that will be relied upon when a decision is taken, unless those documents are 'Exempt' within the meaning of the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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Mr M Dance	Cabinet Member for Economic Development		
Mr Roger Gough	Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform		
Mr Graham Gibbens	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health		
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NOT BEFORE FEBRUARY by Cabinet Member

1.

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services & Public Health Issue reference: 14/00015

Key No

Temporary Financial Assistance for Residential Care

To seek agreement to change the policy on Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) for Residential Care to state that a resident will (providing they meet the other criteria) be eligible for TFA once their liquid capital and income can only support their care costs for three months

The decision by KCC to offer, on a discretionary basis, temporary funding for people unable to access funds (usually because they are tied up in property) is directly compatible with Kent's Bold Step to "tackle disadvantage". It is also in line with the corporate objective of supporting people to access the care and support they need. The current official policy is that an individual must wait until their liquid assets have reduced to £3,000 before they become eligible for TFA. This threshold has not changed for several years and it is now thought to be too low, particularly for people whose weekly income is low. For such people there may not be enough time for KCC to process the necessary agreement and to take over the contract with the home.

Financial Implications: It is not possible to predict accurately the financial implications of the proposed change to the policy. Finance believes it will provide a longer period to arrange for a charge to be placed on the resident's property before KCC begins funding. This is a good thing as it ensures our debt is secure. There are currently less than 100 people receiving TFA. The numbers are not expected to increase due to this change, rather people will be able to start the process of getting help earlier.

Legal Implications: The revision to the policy is entirely in line with KCC's duties under the National Assistance Act 1948, in particular sections 21 and 22.

Equality Implications: The proposed change will benefit all service users.

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services & Public Health

Date: Not before February 2014

Consultation

The intention to take the decision was mentioned as part of Cllr Gibbens' oral update to the Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 5 December 2013. No comments were noted.

In addition in March 2012 the issue was discussed by the then Adult Social Care and Public Health Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and at a Cross Party Members' Meeting. The consensus was in support of the proposal.

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

Discussed with relevant Case Management and Finance staff.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None

2.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Issue reference: 12/01837

Key decision: Yes

Procurement of property vehicle for surplus land owned by Kent County Council to allow the provision of new operational facilities in each district as part of asset collaboration

To seek agreement to delegate to the Individual Cabinet portfolio holder and the Director of Property & Infrastructure Support the procurement of a specialist property vehicle to allow realise of surplus land to fund new operational facilities.

BS4K:

The decision is needed to progress the disposal of KCC assets with the delivery of new buildings. The proposal directly links to Bold Steps for Kent. The property vehicle will ensure it meets a number of key priorities in the Bold Steps for Kent, delivering framework including (1) Improve how we procure and commission services, (7) Build a strong relationship with key business sectors across Kent, (9) Support new housing growth that is affordable, sustainable and with the appropriate infrastructure and (15) Improve services for the most vulnerable people in Kent.

Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision:

The risks will be set out in the paper intended to support Cabinet in taking this decision.

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Date: Not before June 2013

Reason if Key Decision: This proposal seeks to combine surplus assets where appropriate to market them for private sector developers to drive value from these assets but in turn through the OJEU process new operational facilities can be provided. A key decision is required as the new facilities will be from a number of frontline service directorates.

Consultation

The proposed decision will be considered by the relevant Cabinet Committee in June 2012 There has been previous mention of the disposal strategy proposals in Property & Infrastructure Support Business Plan in 2011 but since its publication there has been a need to link disposals to future service provision.

Local Member(s) affected: Roger Gough

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Supporting documents

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3.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Issue reference: 12/02033

Key decision: Yes

Sandwich Highways Depot

To seek approval to proceed with the disposal of the above site to raise a capital receipt which will be allocated to support the capital programme. To seek approval to identify and progress with the acquisition of a new site for the service. The Director of Property and Infrastructure Support is authorised to finalise terms for both the disposal and acquisition of a new site.

BS4K:

This decision is needed to enable a modern highway service operation to be provided in the East Kent Area that is both reactive and responsive to changing demands. It directly supports 3 of the Bold Steps for Kent.

Firstly it helps deliver the "Kent Environment Strategy" by the provision of new environmentally friendly facilities (e.g. grey water) via the construction technique with the eventual adaptation of new work practices within the new depot.

Secondly it builds relations with key business sectors across Kent as the supply chain involved in such a project provides work to businesses of all sizes.

Thirdly by the better siting and provision of facilities for the new depot it ensures that the most robust and effective public protection arrangements are in place for road management including bad weather response.

Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision;

The impact of the decision is that full assessment of the potential disposal of the site can be explored within the market place to ensure that best value principles are adhered to. In tandem a full search and feasibility study will be undertaken to identify a new location for the alternative highways depot which satisfies the above objectives.

Decision details:

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation:

None specified

To make representations or request further information

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Director of Property and Infrastructure

Supporting documents

None specified

4.

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Issue reference: 14/00022

Key: Yes

Former Shepway Resource Centre, Folkestone - Disposal

To seek approval to the disposal of the former Shepway Resource Centre following the marketing of the site

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Date: Not before February 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Financial Criteria Exceeded

Consultation

The proposed decisions will be discussed at Policy & Resources' Property Sub Committee following marketing.

The property is situated within the electoral division of Folkestone West. Cllr Hod Birkby has been consulted.

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Supporting documents

None

5.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Community Services

Issue reference: 13/00017

Key decision: No

Library Services in Sandgate.

To seek approval to delegate responsibility to Sandgate Parish Council for the day to day running of Library services from Sandgate Library, working with volunteers. KCC will retain the statutory responsibility for providing Library services.

BS4K

To put the citizen in control: the new model will create opportunities for local engagement and involvement in running library services through volunteering opportunities Service objectives:

create welcoming and attractive libraries which will be centres for local communities open at convenient times.

promote the enjoyment of reading for people of all ages, opportunities for learning provide access to world-wide links to information and services,

Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision

Savings will be delivered.

Services to customers will remain the same

The Parish Council do not recruit sufficient volunteers and the library does not open for the required number of hours.

Training for Parish Council and volunteers is insufficient and the standard of service deteriorates

Decision details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Community Services

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

Consultation is underway.

Key consultee groups

Library customers, local people, organisations and groups

Start and finish dates of consultation.

30 January 2013 - 6 March 2013

Equalities Impact Assessment included in the consultation documentation can be viewed at the Council's website: www.kent.gov.uk/libraries

Date of publication of consultation outcomes and updated Equalities Impact Assessment 7 March 2013

All members of the council will be informed of the intention to make this decision

The Communities Cabinet Committee considered the issue on 19 September 2012 and the proposed decision will be further discussed on 14 March 2013

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes

The views of Mr Prater (Local Member) will be sought before the Cabinet Committee considers the proposed decision.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None specified

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Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Community Services

Issue reference: 13/00018

Key decision: No

Library Services in Sherwood

To seek approval to delegate responsibility to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for the day to day running of Library services from Sherwood Library, working with volunteers. KCC to retain the statutory responsibility for providing Library services.

BS4K:

To put the citizen in control: the new model will create opportunities for local engagement and involvement in running library services through volunteering opportunities Service objectives:

create welcoming and attractive libraries which will be centres for local communities open at convenient times.

promote the enjoyment of reading for people of all ages, opportunities for learning provide access to world-wide links to information and services,

Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision

Savings will be delivered.

Services to customers will remain the same

The Borough Council do not recruit sufficient volunteers and the library does not open for the required number of hours.

Training for the Borough Council and volunteers is insufficient and the standard of service deteriorates

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Community Services

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

Consultation is underway

Key consultee groups

Library customers, local people, organisations and groups

Start and finish dates of consultation.

30 January 2013 - 6 March 2013

Equalities Impact Assessment included in the consultation documentation www.kent.gov.uk/libraries

Consultation outcomes and updated Equalities Impact Assessment to be published 7 March 2013

All members of the council will be informed of the intention to make this decision

The Communities Cabinet Committee considered the issue on 19 September 2012 and the proposed decision will be further discussed on 14 March 2013

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes

Mr Tansley's (Local Member) views will be sought before the Cabinet Committee considers the proposed decision.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None specified

7.

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Community Services

Issue reference: 13/00041

Key decision: No

Herne Bay Gateway - temporary relocation of library services

To seek authority to relocate library services from Herne Bay Library to temporary premises during the refurbishment of the building to become a Gateway.

BS4K:

Putting the citizen in control

Customer Services Business Plans 2012/13 and 2013/14

Customer Services Strategy

Vision for Kent

New Ways of Working

Financial Implications:

During the closure period costs for the provision of temporary facilities will be kept to a minimum and any revenue costs should be offset by a reduction in user costs for the individual facilities.

Relocating library services for Herne Bay will provide the contractor with an unfettered site which will reduce the time of the build and therefore lower capital costs.

The temporary facilities will be stocked from existing library resources and there are no implications for the current staffing establishment

Legal Implications:

Kent County Council provides library and archive services under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 which requires the provision of a 'comprehensive and efficient' library service.

Equality Implications:

An EQIA has been carried out and is available.

Is the matter referred to in the relevant Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes.

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Community Services

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

The proposed decision will be considered by Communities Cabinet Committee at the meeting to be held on 11 June 2013.

Further consultation is planned.

Local members affected will be consulted:

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To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None specified

8.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Issue reference No: 13/00035

Key decision: Yes

Southfleet Road, Ebbsfleet: Growing Places Fund investment

A decision is required such that, subject to due diligence, Kent County Council shall agree to enter into credit agreements to secure investment from the Growing Places Fund to deliver improvements to Southfleet Road. This will help to unlock development at Eastern Quarry and provide access to the commercial development area at Station Quarter North.

Background

Growing Places Fund (GPF) is a Government scheme which provides loan finance to unlock development sites where these will create new jobs and homes. In the South East, the Fund is administered by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), for which Essex County Council acts as the accountable body.

Following a call for projects and appraisal, the LEP has given indicative approval to allocate up to £4 million to bring forward improvements to Southfleet Road.

In order to secure this funding, it is proposed that KCC will enter into:

A credit agreement with Essex County Council to draw down the GPF funding; and A subsidiary credit agreement with Land Securities Eastern Quarry Ltd, who will deliver the scheme.

This shall be subject to final due diligence.

BS4K

This Decision contributes to delivery of the following Delivering Bold Steps priorities:

Priority 8: Respond to key regeneration challenges, working with our partners. This specifically prioritises actions to unlock key sites, where these will lead to jobs and housing Priority 9: Support new housing growth that is affordable, sustainable and with the appropriate infrastructure

Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision

Impact

The proposed Decision will mean that KCC will be able to draw down Growing Places Fund investment of up to £4 million. It is anticipated that this will unlock 1,500 homes at Eastern Quarry by 2020, and will also support the development of the Station Quarter North strategic employment site.

Risks

GPF funding is repayable. The primary risk is that KCC will be liable to repay the GPF loan to

the Accountable Body, even if the private sector organisation is unable to repay the subordinate loan to KCC. This will be mitigated through due diligence, the robust drafting of the credit agreements, and project monitoring.

State Aid risks will be mitigated through the charging of an appropriate rate of interest, with all repayments (less costs to KCC) repaid to the GPF fund.

Costs

There will be some costs to KCC in managing the credit agreement. These will be recovered through interest payments and/ or through recharges to the central GPF fund, with costs and recovery mechanisms considered in development of the credit agreement.

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Date: Not before June 2013

Reason if Key Decision: Specified financial criteria exceeded

Consultation

KCC has taken the advice of the members of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Board, who have been involved to Level 3 (Make Choices).

Other key consultee groups

South East Local Enterprise Board members (including business representatives and local authority leaders).

In addition, Dartford Borough Council has been consulted as part of the project appraisal process.

Start and finish dates of consultation

Summer 2012 - March 2013

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None specified

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Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Issue reference: 13/00036

Key decision: No

Sturry Road, Canterbury. Growing Places Fund investment

A decision is required such that, subject to due diligence, Kent County Council shall agree to enter into credit agreements to secure investment from the Growing Places Fund to deliver commercial development at Sturry Road, Canterbury

Background

Growing Places Fund (GPF) is a Government scheme which provides loan finance to unlock development sites where these will create new jobs and homes. In the South East, the Fund

is administered by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), for which Essex County Council acts as the accountable body.

Following a call for projects and appraisal, the LEP has given indicative approval to allocate up to £629,000 to bring forward a commercial site at Sturry Road, Canterbury.

In order to secure this funding, it is proposed that KCC will enter into:

A credit agreement with Essex County Council to draw down the GPF funding; and A subsidiary credit agreement with the private sector owners of the development. This shall be subject to final due diligence.

BS4K:

This Decision contributes to delivery of the following Delivering Bold Steps priorities: Priority 8: Respond to key regeneration challenges, working with our partners. This specifically prioritises actions to unlock key sites, where these will lead to jobs and housing Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision Impact

The proposed Decision will mean that KCC will be able to draw down Growing Places Fund investment of up to £629,000. It is anticipated that this will unlock 4,000 sq m commercial floorspace and facilitate the creation of 40 jobs (gross) by 2015.

Risks

GPF funding is repayable. The primary risk is that KCC will be liable to repay the GPF loan to the Accountable Body, even if the private sector organisation is unable to repay the subordinate loan to KCC. This will be mitigated through due diligence, the robust drafting of the credit agreements, and project monitoring.

State Aid risks will be mitigated through the charging of an appropriate rate of interest, with all repayments (less costs to KCC) repaid to the GPF fund.

Costs

There will be some costs to KCC in managing the credit agreement. These will be recovered through interest payments and/ or through recharges to the central GPF fund, with costs and recovery mechanisms considered in development of the credit agreement.

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

KCC has taken the advice of the members of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Board, who have been involved to Level 3 (Make Choices).

Other key consultee groups

South East Local Enterprise Board members (including business representatives and local authority leaders). In addition, Canterbury City Council has been consulted as part of the project appraisal process.

Start and finish dates of consultation.

Summer 2012 - March 2013

Equalities Impact Assessment included in the consultation documentation. Please state where this can be found.

No – an Equalities Impact Assessment has not yet been prepared. It is anticipated that there will be few equalities impacts arising from this Decision. However, there may be combined impacts arising from the series of proposed Decisions to enter into credit agreements for GPF for a number of projects. It is therefore proposed that a single Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken for all related Decisions prior to the proposed Decision for

this project being taken.

Date of publication of consultation outcomes and updated Equalities Impact Assessment There is no separate consultation outcomes report. However, the discussion at the East LEP Board has been published at www.southeastlep.com.

KCC's approach to Growing Places Fund has been discussed by the Economic Development Cabinet Committee on 5 July 2012 and 21 September 2012.

In addition, the proposed Decision will be discussed by ED Cabinet Committee on 14 June.

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes – Referred to in Economic Development Unit Divisional Business Plan 2013/14

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision? Is it All Members?

The development is located in on the boundary of Canterbury City North East (Graham Gibbens) and Herne and Sturry (Alan Marsh).

There may also be some impact elsewhere in Canterbury (Canterbury West (John Simmonds), Canterbury City South East (Michael Northey), Canterbury City South West (Martin Vye)).

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Supporting documents

None specified.

10.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Issue reference: 13/00032

Key decision: Yes

The Base, Phase 2, Dartford. Growing Places Fund investment

Background

Growing Places Fund (GPF) is a Government scheme which provides loan finance to unlock development sites where these will create new jobs and homes. In the South East, the Fund is administered by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), for which Essex County Council acts as the accountable body.

Following a call for projects and appraisal, the LEP has given indicative approval to allocate up to £2.95 million to deliver Phase 2 of The Base.

In order to secure this funding, it is proposed that KCC will enter into a credit agreement with Essex County Council to draw down the GPF funding.

In addition, KCC will enter into an agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency, which owns the freehold of the site, to enable the development to proceed.

This shall be subject to final due diligence.

BS4K:

This Decision contributes to delivery of the following Delivering Bold Steps priorities: Priority 8: Respond to key regeneration challenges, working with our partners. This specifically prioritises actions to unlock key sites, where these will lead to jobs and housing Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision Impact

The proposed Decision will mean that KCC will be able to draw down Growing Places Fund investment of up to £2.95 million. It is anticipated that this will deliver 108 jobs (gross). Risks

GPF funding is repayable. The primary risk is that KCC will be liable to repay the GPF loan to the Accountable Body, even if rental incomes from the completed scheme or the capital receipt from the scheme on its eventual sale are less than anticipated. This will be mitigated through due diligence, the robust drafting of the credit agreements, and project monitoring. Costs

There will be some costs to KCC in managing the credit agreement. These will be recovered through interest payments and/ or through recharges to the central GPF fund, with costs and recovery mechanisms considered in development of the credit agreement.

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Date: Not before July 2013

Reason if Key Decision: Financial criteria exceeded

Consultation

KCC has taken the advice of the members of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Board, who have been involved to Level 3 (Make Choices).

Other key consultee groups

South East Local Enterprise Board members (including business representatives and local authority leaders).

In addition, Dartford Borough Council has been consulted as part of the project appraisal process.

Start and finish dates of consultation.

Summer 2012 - March 2013

Equalities Impact Assessment included in the consultation documentation. Please state where this can be found.

An Equalities Impact Assessment has not yet been prepared. It is anticipated that there will be few equalities impacts arising from this Decision. However, there may be combined impacts arising from the series of proposed Decisions to enter into credit agreements for GPF for a number of projects. It is therefore proposed that a single Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken for all related Decisions prior to the proposed Decision for this project being taken. Date of publication of consultation outcomes and updated Equalities Impact Assessment There is no separate consultation outcomes report. However, the discussion at the South East LEP Board has been published at www.southeastlep.com.

Has the matter already been discussed by a Cabinet Committee? If not when will be it discussed by the Cabinet Committee and the date of the meeting

Yes. KCC's approach to Growing Places Fund has been discussed by the Economic Development Cabinet Committee on 5 July 2012 and 21 September 2012.

In addition, the proposed Decision will be discussed by ED Cabinet Committee on 14 June.

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme?

Yes – Growing Places Fund investment is referred to in Economic Development Unit Divisional Business Plan 2013/14

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision? Is it All Members?

The development is located in Dartford West (Jan Ozog).

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None specified

11.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Issue reference: 13/00034

Key decision: Yes

Discovery Park Enterprise Zone, Sandwich. Growing Places Fund investment

Background

Growing Places Fund (GPF) is a Government scheme which provides loan finance to unlock development sites where these will create new jobs and homes. In the South East, the Fund is administered by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), for which Essex County Council acts as the accountable body.

Following a call for projects and appraisal, the LEP has given indicative approval to allocate up to £8 million over five years for a rolling programme of capital investment.

In order to secure this funding, it is proposed that:

KCC will enter into a credit agreement with Essex County Council to draw down the GPF funding; and

KCC will seek to enter into a series of annual subordinate credit agreement with Discovery Park Ltd (the owners of Discovery Park).

In addition, KCC will enter into an agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency, which owns the freehold of the site, to enable the development to proceed.

This shall be subject to final due diligence.

BS4K:

This Decision contributes to delivery of the following Delivering Bold Steps priorities:

Priority 8: Respond to key regeneration challenges, working with our partners. This specifically prioritises actions to unlock key sites, where these will lead to jobs and housing Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision

Impact

The proposed Decision will mean that KCC will be able to draw down Growing Places Fund investment of up to £8 million. It is anticipated that this will contribute to the safeguarding of up to 2,000 jobs at Discovery Park by supporting the Enterprise Zone's continued viability and attractiveness to investors.

Risks

GPF funding is repayable. The primary risk is that KCC will be liable to repay the GPF loan to the Accountable Body, even if Discovery Park Ltd is unable to repay. This will be mitigated

through due diligence, the robust drafting of the credit agreements, and project monitoring. Costs

There will be some costs to KCC in managing the credit agreement. These will be recovered through interest payments and/ or through recharges to the central GPF fund, with costs and recovery mechanisms considered in development of the credit agreement.

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Date: Not before July 2013

Reason if Key Decision: Financial criteria exceeded

Consultation

KCC has taken the advice of the members of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Board, who have been involved to Level 3 (Make Choices).

Other key consultee groups

South East Local Enterprise Board members (including business representatives and local authority leaders).

In addition, Dover District Council has been consulted as part of the project appraisal process.

Start and finish dates of consultation.

Summer 2012 - March 2013

Equalities Impact Assessment included in the consultation documentation. Please state where this can be found.

No – an Equalities Impact Assessment has not yet been prepared. It is anticipated that there will be few equalities impacts arising from this Decision. However, there may be combined impacts arising from the series of proposed Decisions to enter into credit agreements for GPF for a number of projects. It is therefore proposed that a single Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken for all related Decisions prior to the proposed Decision for this project being taken

Date of publication of consultation outcomes and updated Equalities Impact Assessment There is no separate consultation outcomes report. However, the discussion at the South East LEP Board has been published at www.southeastlep.com.

Has the matter already been discussed by a Cabinet Committee? If not when will be it discussed by the Cabinet Committee and the date of the meeting

Yes. KCC's approach to Growing Places Fund has been discussed by the Economic Development Cabinet Committee on 5 July 2012 and 21 September 2012 (although these discussions did not include the specific allocation of GPF investment to Discovery Park). In addition, the proposed Decision will be discussed by ED Cabinet Committee on 14 June.

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes – Growing Places Fund investment is referred to in Economic Development Unit Divisional Business Plan 2013/14

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision? Is it All Members?

The development is located in Sandwich (Leyland Ridings). However, as the development of the Enterprise Zone is of strategic importance, all Members in East Kent may be affected by the Decision.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents:

None specified

12.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Issue reference: 12/02018

Key decision: No

Expansion of Pembury Primary School, Tunbridge Wells

To seek approval of the expansion of the above named school from 420 places to 630 places and to the issuing of a public notice to that effect.

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before March 2013

Consultation

Consultation will target:

MP, Local Members, Local Councils (District, Town and Parish), Schools, Pre-schools, Parents, Staff, Governors, Pupils, Professional Associations, Diocesan Boards of Education, DfE, LCTB

A consultation has been established and will run from 26 November 2012 – 21 January 2013.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents:

None specified

13

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Issue reference: 13/00003

Key decision: No

Expansion of Cliftonville Primary School, Margate

To expand the above named school

Financial Implications:

These will be identified in the report to Education Cabinet Committee on 19 March 2013 Legal Implications:

These will be identified in the report to Education Cabinet Committee on 19 March 2013 Equality Impact

An initial assessment has been carried out and can be found at the following link when the consultation opens

http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/system/listConsultations?type=O

Date of initial screening

January 2013

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

Consultation to be conducted the purpose of which is to gather information regarding the planned changes outlined in the consultation document.

Key consultee groups:

MP, Local Members, Local Councils (District, Town and Parish), Schools, Pre-schools, Parents, Staff, Governors, Pupils, Professional Associations, Diocesan Boards of Education, DfE. LCTB.

Start and finish dates of consultation:

TBC.

A report was considered at Education Cabinet Committee on 12 September 2012 outlining the Kent County Council School Commissioning Plan 2012-17.

A report will be considered by the Education Cabinet Committee in March 2013.

A report will be considered on the outcome of the public consultation at Education Cabinet Committee in June 2013

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

Commissioning Plan for Education Provision Kent 2012 - 2017

14.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Reference No: 13/00038

Key: No

Joint Transportation Boards - Agreement and Governance

JTB's are an important local mechanism for discussing highway/transport matters. In this context, JTBs meet Kent County Council's Localism Agenda.

This decision seeks approval of an updated Joint Transportation Board (JTB) Agreement with District Councils. The existing agreement is out of date and needs to be revised to reflect changes to the County Council's constitution.

In particular, a new clause has been added to the Agreement; "subject to the agreement of the Chairman, additional representatives from Parish/Town Councils may attend but may neither vote nor propose a motion nor an amendment".

This reflects the current variation in practice within JTBs and the desire to have one flexible Agreement covering all JTBs rather than individual bespoke arrangements.

There are no impacts, costs or risks relating to the proposed decision

Decision details

Who is taking the Decision: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

All JTBs will be consulted on the proposals before the decision will be put to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment for consideration on taking the decision

The consultation will take place February/March 2013 JTB meetings

An Equalities Impact Assessment will not be conducted

All County Members will be informed

The matter has been considered and the recommendations endorsed by the Environment, Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee at it's meeting of 10 January 2013.

The matter is not referred to in the Business Plan or Medium Term Capital programme

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None specified

15.

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Issue reference: 14/00020

Key Yes

Growth Without Gridlock

To approve the content of Growth without Gridlock in Kent and Medway report. This summarises the achievements of the past three years since the launch of Growth without Gridlock and outlines priorities for delivery to 2021 for Kent and Medway, thus reflecting the federated

geography of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership.

Decision details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Date: Not before February 2014

Consultation

Has the matter already been discussed by a Cabinet Committee – if so what comments were received.

An earlier version was discussed at January 2013 Cabinet Committee with only minor comments received.

The final draft was considered by the Cabinet Committee on 21 January 2014.

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision? All

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Supporting documents

None

NOT BEFORE MARCH 2014 - by Cabinet Member

16.

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services & Public Health Issue reference:

Key No

Kent County Council's Annual Report (Local Account) on Adult Social Care for April 2013 to March 2014

To approve the Annual Report for Adult Social Care for April 2013 – March 2014.

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services & Public Health

Date: Not before February 2014

Consultation

The Local Account will be considered by the Social Care and Public health Cabinet Committee at its meeting 16th January 2014.

To make representations or request further information

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17

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Issue reference: 12/020231

Key No

Eden Centre Lease

To agree the principle of the grant of a long lease to a charitable community interest company or similar vehicle of The Eden Centre, the timelines and processes that need to follow.

BS4K

The proposal directly links to Bold Steps for Kent, such as putting the citizen in control, building new partnerships and providing a new fit for purpose building to deliver Library and FSC services in conjunction with other partners such as the Citizen's Advice Bureau and House (West Kent Action), to support Kent's more vulnerable citizens.

Impact/costs and risks of proposed decision

The impact of the decision will be KCC will have less control if the management and operation of the centre become the responsibility of a third party, reliance on the professionalism of the trustees to deliver a successful facility, financial model for the charitable vehicle will have to be agreed by all partners, reputational risk to KCC if the charitable vehicle fails, relies upon getting buy in from all community groups in occupation to form trust, untried and untested model, level of income generation from the centre which could go to the charitable vehicle is currently unknown as new facility, continued KCC ownership of a non core asset, officers may be unable to get agreement from stakeholders, charitable vehicle is not financially sustainable or the trust may break down and charitable vehicle will have to pick up void periods and associated costs (benefit to KCC).

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

The Eden Church, Citizen's Advice Bureau, House (West Kent Action), Edenbridge Library and FSC as partners in the centre. It is expected that representatives from all of these occupier groups will be represented by the charitable vehicle trustees, along with Sevenoaks District Council and Edenbridge Town Council.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None specified

18.

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Issue reference No: 14/00021

Key Yes

Expansion of Garlinge Primary School & Nursery, Margate

To permanently expand the school from 3 forms of entry to 4 forms of entry adding 210 school places.

The project is in line with Kent strategies and in particular supports the following;

Bold Steps for Kent prioritises

Ensure all pupils meet their full potential

Shape education and skills provision around the needs of the Kent economy

Financial Implications:

Capital – The enlargement of the school requires the provision of 9 additional classrooms as well as ancillary facilities. A feasibility study was undertaken and a planning application has been submitted. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £2,500,000. Appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital Programme. The costs of the project are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed. If the cost of the project is greater than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

Revenue – For a period of three academic years from September 2014, the school will receive protection for an additional 30 Reception Year pupils at the rate of £2,727 per pupil. For each additional classroom, resulting from the expansion of the school, the sum £6,000 will be allocated towards the classroom setup costs.

Equality Implications:

The equalities impact assessment can be accessed via the following link: http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/Garlinge/consultationHome

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before March 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Financial Criteria Exceeded

Consultation

The Education Cabinet Committee considered this proposal as part of the Commissioning plan at its meeting on 27 September 2013. It will be considered further by the Committee at its next meeting in March.

A consultation is currently running and can be accessed via the following link

http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/Garlinge/consultationHome

A public meeting was held on Wednesday 8 January.

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision?

Margate West – Mr Jeffrey Elenor

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None

19.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Reference No: 14/00042(b)

Key: No

Broomhill Primary School, Tunbridge Wells - Expansion

This decision will be taken in two parts. Part 1 has been approved and implemented – to issue the public notice. Part 2, 14/00042(b), key decision to allocate funds, will be taken following completion of the statutory FED publication period.

It is proposed to enlarge Broomhill Bank School by 56 places increasing the designated number of places to 136 for the September 2014.

It is proposed that KCC funded improvements to the school will provide all necessary teaching rooms including specialist teaching spaces. Facilities within the school will be improved and designed to meet the needs of students. A feasibility study has been completed. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £2 million of which £1.75 million will be funded from Targeted Basic Need and the remainder from the Basic Needs and Special Schools Review Budget. The costs of the project are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed. If the cost of the project is greater than 10% the Cabinet Member will be required to take a further decision to allocate the additional funding.

Revenue - The schools delegated budget will be allocated on an agreed number of commissioned places in accordance with the High Needs funding methodology of 'Place Plus'. Human – Broomhill Bank School will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before March 2014

Consultation

Education Cabinet Committee: 27 September 2013. Education Cabinet Committee: 14 March 2014.

Public Consultation - Held between 10 January 2014 and 26 February 2014.

Public meeting was held on 21 January 2014 and a drop-in information session for parents was

held on 6 February 2014.

Headteacher and Governing Body

Local Member for Tunbridge Wells, West: John Davies Local Member of Parliament, Rt Hon Greg Clark MP

Area Education Officer

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Support documents

None submitted

20. APPROVED

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Reference No: 14/00037

Key Yes

Loose Infant and Junior School - Amalgamation

To seek approval to amalgamate Loose Infant School and Loose Junior School (Maidstone) by closure and to reopen as a single, three form of entry community primary school.

Decision Details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Significant change to service delivery

Consultation

Statutory Public Notice period

KCC Consultation

Consideration by the relevant Cabinet Committee

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Support documents

None submitted

21. APPROVED

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Reference No: 14/00038

Key Yes

Madginford Park Infant School and Madginford Park Junior School, Maidstone - Amalgamation

To seek agreement to the proposed amalgamation of Madginford Park Infant School and Madginford Park Junior School, Maidstone by discontinuing the Junior school and enlarging and changing the age range of the Infant school to carter for the full primary age range.

The proposed decision supports the following Bold Steps for Kent priorities

3. Ensure all pupils meet their full potential

4: Shape education and skills provision around the needs of the Kent economy

In addition the proposals are in line with KCC's policy as set out in the Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2013-18, which states "when the opportunity arises, the Local Authority will consider the possibility of either amalgamation of separate infant and junior schools into a single primary school; or federation of the schools."

Financial Implications: The costs to this project will be identified in the report that will be considered by Education Cabinet Committee on 14 March 2014.

Legal Implications: Madginford Park Junior School: The legal process for the discontinuance of a school is under Sections 15 to 17 and Schedule 2 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and Parts IV and V and Schedule 4 of the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) Regulations 2007.

Section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 requires a Local Authority to publish statutory proposals when it is considering discontinuing a maintained school.

Legal Implications: Madginford Park Infant School: The legal process for the alterations of a school is under sections 18 to 24 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and Regulations 4 to 6 and Schedules 2 to 5 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools (England) Regulations 2007.

The procedure for varying the name of a school is governed by Section 20 of the Education Act 2002 and Regulations 26 to 31 of the school Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.

Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed as part of the consultation. The equalities impact assessment can be accessed via the following link: Under section 11 of the EIA 2006 the Schools Adjudicator is the decision maker for statutory proposals.

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Significant change to service delivery

Consultation

The proposed decision will be discussed at the next meeting of the Education Cabinet Committee, 14 March 2014

Mr Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, has agreed to support the undertaking of a public consultation to seek the views of the education and wider communities on a proposal to amalgamate Madginford Park Infant School and Madginford Park Junior School.

The Education Cabinet Committee membership was informed of the public consultation on this proposal by email on 13 January 2014.

The consultation is now closed but can be viewed at the link below:

http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/MadginfordPark/consultationHome

Public meetings were held on; 23 January 2014 at Madginford Park Junior School; 5th February 2014 at Madginford Park Infant School.

The decision particularly affects the electoral division of Maidstone Rural North, represented by Mr Paul Carter, CBE.

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Supporting documents

None submitted

22. REDRAFT RECEIVED - PROPOSALS FOR SCHEME INCLUDED BELOW REF:13/00095/2

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment Issue reference: 13/00095/2 (previous proposals put as13/00095 and redrafted) Key: Yes

Kent Freedom Pass including Post 16 Transport

24/02/21014 FED Entry: Redraft received: Proposed decision 13/00095/2 as set out below:

To seek approval to replace the existing Freedom Pass with a new scheme called the Young Persons Bus Pass.

The new scheme is still subject to finalisation with bus companies and schools, and is aimed primarily at assisting with travel costs to school by providing unlimited travel on buses from 6am until 7pm Monday to Friday throughout the academic year i.e. from 1st September to 31st July, but could not be used in August.

The proposed cost of the new pass is £200 with a reduced fee of £100 for parents of children eligible for a free school meals and would continue to be free for Looked After Children and registered young carers.

This scheme is to be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and consultation.

Should it be adopted, the new scheme will become effective from 1st September 2014.

10/02 /2014 FED entry: Following comments raised by members of the public and KCC Members, proposed decision 13/00095 (below) has been withdrawn and a redrafted scheme will

be put forward under issue number 13/00095/2 in the near future.

The new scheme will be subject to consultation and will be published on the FED for 28 days before it is taken.

Proposed decision 13/00095 - To seek approval for the introduction of a stored value smartcard providing £350 value for 11-16 year olds and £250 for 16-19 year olds at an unchanged purchase cost of £100. This will be reviewed after 6 months of introduction.

Decision Details:

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Date: Not before February 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Affects more than 2 electoral divisions

Consultation

Consultation arrangements for proposed decision 13/00095/2

A four week public consultation will be conducted

The views of elected members will be sought via the proposed decision publication An EQA will also be conducted

Previous consultation arrangements for 13/00095

The Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee discussed the use of Smartcard technology in October 2013 and the proposed changes to the scheme at its meeting in December 2013 meeting.

No statutory obligation to consult more widely exists as the scheme is discretionary.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

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23. APPROVED SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF CALL-IN PERIOD

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Reference No: 14/00039

Kev Yes

Closure of Chaucer Technology School, Canterbury

To seek the agreement of the Cabinet Member to the closure of Chaucer Technology School,

Financial Implications:

The costs to this project will be identified in the subsequent report that will be considered by the Education Cabinet Committee on 22 April 2014.

Legal Implications:

The legal implications will be identified in the subsequent report that will be considered by by the Education Cabinet Committee on 22 April 2014.

Equality Implications:

The equalities impact assessment can be accessed via the following link: http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/Chaucer/consultationHome

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme?

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Significant change to service delivery

Consultation

The matter will discussed during the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reforms verbal update to Education Cabinet Committee on 14 March and the final decision will be discussed by the Education Cabinet Committee on 22 April 2014.

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Supporting documents

None submitted

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform Reference No:

Key Yes

Post 16 Transport Policy

To seek the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to the latest post 16 transport strategy for Kent

Financial Implications:

At this time we do not know what the final costs will be as the discretionary scheme is uncapped and reimbursement of operators is based on travel patterns of users. The reduction in cost to the discretionary scheme will have an impact on the costs of the statutory policy on transport for young people in special circumstances. These will be explained further in the report which accompanies the Cabinet Member decision

Legal Implications:

KCC has a duty to consult on and publish its Post 16 Transport Policy Statement each year. Whilst there is no statutory duty to provide transport for Post 16 Learners there is a duty to consider applications for assistance with transport and to enable access to education. The transport policy sets out how KCC will meet this duty and what learners in special circumstances can expect by way of support.

Equality Implications:

There are no equalities implications that have not been considered during previous consultations on the Post 16 Transport Policy. The reduction in cost of the 16+ Travel Card to the learner will further reduce barriers to transport which had previously been identified.

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Significance of Policy for people in more than one electoral division

Consultation

The matter will discussed during the Education Young Peoples Cabinet Committee on 22 April 2014.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None submitted

25.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Reference No: 14/00024

Key Yes

Making Kent's Roads Safer - Casualty Reduction Strategy

To seek approval of a new Casualty reduction Strategy for Kent

Decision Details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Date: April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Potential significant impact on all divisions

Consultation

The matter has not yet been discussed by the Cabinet Committee, but the Cabinet Member has been briefed

The matter will be discussed by the Environment Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee and the date of the meeting: EHW Cabinet Committee on 24 April 2014

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

A paper and web based consultation of stakeholders and the public as well as a workshop for key stakeholders including those identified through the EqIA process.

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision? All subject to data on road casualties.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents:

The Road Casualty Reduction Strategy for Kent.

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Responsible Cabinet Member : Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment Reference No:

Key Yes

Household Food Waste Processing – Contract Award

To award contracts to the preferred tenderers following a procurement process for the provision of Food Waste processing for household waste arising in Kent.

Context: These are contracts to supply waste services to the Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate. The contracts will provide food waste processing capability for waste arising from household kerbside collections performed by the district councils.

Financial Implications: The proposed contract spend by KCC will be approximately £4.8m for an initial period of up to six years, with a possible extension of up to six years based on performance.

Legal Implications: KCC has a statutory responsibility as the Waste Disposal Authority for the disposal of household waste. These contracts are required to prevent extension of existing contracts which would be in breach of Procurement Regulations.

Equality Implications: The EqIA undertaken concluded that no Protected Characteristics will be impacted upon either positively or negatively as a result of this contract(s) award.

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme?

Yes, Waste Business Plan for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Decision Details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Date: April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Financial criteria exceeded

Consultation

The matter will be discussed at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee - 24 April 2014.

IN addition a competitive tendering process will be conducted through the Kent Business Portal.

Further consultation will gather opinions from key consultee groups to ensure that the tender and evaluation process is sufficiently robust, in order to allow the Cabinet Member to approve the procurement outcome.

Key consultee group

- Corporate Procurement
- Legal Services
- Finance
- Health and Safety advisors
- Executive Director
- Key Waste Officers
- Waste Collection Authorities

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Supporting Documents:

Report to Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee - 24 April 2014

27.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Leader & Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Audit and

Transformation

Reference No: 14/00043

Key Yes

TIGER FUND - LOAN APPLICATION

To seek approval of a loan application to the TIGER fund to the value of £2.5 million

The TIGER programme aims to provide financial support to businesses seeking to invest in projects that will create higher-value employment through the development of new products, services and processes. TIGER seeks to respond to the gap in economic outcomes between the Thames Gateway and the South East's other growth areas by providing targeted funding (mainly on an interest-free loan basis) to companies where this will secure additional private sector finance and support the sustainable job creation. Should this application be successful it will have been deemed

to meet the aims of the project.

Geographically, the programme focuses on North Kent (Dartford, Gravesham, Medway and Swale) with the addition of Thurrock. This follows discussions with the South Essex local authorities, recognising the common issues faced by business across the Thames Gateway (as well as current challenges such as the significant job losses at the Coryton oil refinery).

TIGER helps to secure two of the main aims of the Council's medium term strategy, Bold Steps for Kent by tackling disadvantage and helping the Kent economy to grow. Financial Implications:

Although the decision involves the transfer of £2.499million, if the applicant is successful, there is no financial impact for Kent County Council as the TIGER Fund monies were allocated as the result of a successful bid to the Regional Growth Fund and ring-fenced for the TIGER project only. Legal Implications:

The loan will require a contractual relationship between KCC and the successful applicant. Legal Services will be asked to draft the contract should the bid be successful.

Equality Implications: The business application must comply with the Equality Act 2010. The company must have a policy in place to comply with the employers' statutory obligations and accordingly must not commit any form of harassment or victimisation against any person on the grounds of marriage and civil partnership, race, colour, religion or belief, sex, gender reassignment sexual orientation, age or disability, pregnancy and maternity or political difference

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Leader & Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Audit and Transformation Date: Not before April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Financial value over £1m, but funded from ring-fenced 'bid for' funds

Consultation

The Cabinet Member decision to accept funding under the terms and conditions set out by the Regional Growth Fund and the consequent creation of the TIGER Fund were discussed by the Economic Development Cabinet Committee in November 2012, in January 2013 the Cabinet Committee received a verbal update on the development of governance arrangements for the scheme and in March 2013 received a further update regarding the formal launch of the scheme.

The application will have been considered by the advisory panel and the recommendations and minutes will be considered by the Leader before the decision is taken

All members will receive a copy of the proposed decision 5 clear working days before it is due to be taken and asked for comments to which the Cabinet Member will have regard on taking the decision.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

Minutes of the North Kent Approval Panel – Exempt from publication under paragraph 3 of schedule

12a of the Local Government Act 1972

Independent report of PWC - Exempt from publication under paragraph 3 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972

Not before May by Cabinet Member

28.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Reference No: 13/00094

Key No

Kent Alcohol Strategy 2013-16

To seek approval of the Alcohol Strategy for 2014-2016

No financial or legal implications were submitted at this stage

Equalities Implications: Inequalities and vulnerable groups were considered during development of the strategy, and this is detailed in the strategy, along with how this will be incorporated into implementation.

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Date: Not before May 2014

Consultation

The proposed decision and draft strategy will be considered by the relevant Cabinet Committee on 2nd May 2014

The strategy has been produced in partnership with the many stakeholders from across Kent and organisations directly involved with addressing the effects of alcohol across the County, including Public Health Kent, Kent Police, Trading Standards and the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT).

An earlier draft of the strategy was open for formal consultation via the Kent County Council website from early December 2013 until mid- January 2014. A number of updates to the strategy have been made following feedback received.

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Supporting documents

None specified

29.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Reference No: 13/00094

Key No

Dover Learning Disability Day Centre – New Service Delivery Model

Approval for a new service model for people with learning disabilities in Dover

Financial Implications: Funding is available from the existing budget and the Good Day Programme for the

service

Legal Implications: None

Equality Implications: Will improve the service for people with learning disability Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme?

Yes

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Date: Not before May 2014

Consultation

Consultation outcome and recommended decision will be discussed at the committee on 2 May 2014

Local members and opposition groups were briefed in Nov 2013

Formal consultation with service users, carers and staff started on 29 Nov 2013 and ran to 7 March 2014

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision?

Sandwich, Deal and Dover North, West and Town

To make representations or request fher information

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Supporting documents

None specified

30.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Reference No: 13/00094

Kev No

Community Sexual Health Services – Contract Award

To award the contracts for the delivery of community sexual health services outlined below to the winning bidders of the competitive tendering exercise.

The successful providers will be contracted to operate an integrated service model for sexual health services across the county. This service includes:

- Genitourinary Medicine Service (GUM) with Contraception and Sexual Health Services (CASH)
- 2. Young People's Sexual Health Services
- 3. Psychosexual Counselling Services
- 4. Development, Implementation, Coordination and Evaluation of the Community Pharmacy
- 5. Development, Coordination, Implementation and Monitoring of the National Chlamydia Screening **Programme Amongst 15-24 Year Olds in Kent**
- 6. Expansion of a Free Condom Programme
- 7. Establishment and Facilitation of a Clinical Network in Kent

The new service model will offer increased access and availability of the full range of sexual health services. The service will be delivered from locations in each district and will have extended outreach activity in areas of greatest need.

Financial Implications: Up to £16m (two year contract)

Legal Implications: The contract has been awarded following a competitive tendering process conducted in line with relevant procurement regulations.

Equality Implications: None.

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Date: Not before May 2014

Consultation

The Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee agreed to support the tendering exercise at their meeting of 4th October 2013. The results of the tender exercise, and therefore this decision will be discussed at the 2nd May meeting of the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

A service review and stakeholder consultation and market engagement exercise was undertaken in 2013.

Which Members and electoral Divisions are affected by this proposed decision? ΑII

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Supporting documents

None specified

31.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Reference No: 14/00040

Key Yes

Creation of new School at Knights Park, Tunbridge Wells

To seek the agreement of the Cabinet Member to the allocation of funds from the Education Learning and Skills Capital Budget to create a new primary school at Knights Park, Tunbridge Wells

Financial Implications:

The costs to this project will be identified in the subsequent report that will be considered by the Education Cabinet Committee on 22 April 2014.

Legal Implications:

The legal implications will be identified in the subsequent report that will be considered by by the Education Cabinet Committee on 22 April 2014.

Equality Implications:

The equalities impact assessment can be accessed via the following link: http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/Chaucer/consultationHome

Is the matter referred to in your Business Plan or Medium Term Capital Programme? Yes

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before April 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Significant change to service delivery

Consultation

The matter will discussed during the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reforms verbal update to Education Cabinet Committee on 14 March and the final decision will be discussed by the Education Cabinet Committee on 22 April 2014.

To make representations or request further information

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Lead Director:

Supporting documents

None submitted

38.

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Reference No: 14/00003 and **14/00003b Key:** 2nd Part of a Key decision already taken

Proposed relocation and expansion of Tunstall CofE Primary School, Sittingbourne (Part 2) – Consideration of responses

It is proposed to relocate and rebuild Tunstall school on a site owned by KCC located approximately 500 metres to the north east of the existing school.

It is also proposed to enlarge Tunstall CE Primary School by 30 reception year places, taking the published admissions number (PAN) from 30 to 60 (Two Forms of Entry) for the September 2015 intake.

The project is in line with Kent strategies and in particular supports the following;

Bold Steps for Kent prioritises

- 3: Ensure all pupils meet their full potential
- 4: Shape education and skills provision around the needs of the Kent economy

Following responses being received to the Public Notice to relocate and expand Tunstall Primary School it is necessary for the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform to take a further decision to properly consider these responses and complete the process.

Decision Details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

Date: Not before February 2014

Reason if Key Decision: The decision is the second part of a Key decision already taken

Consultees

Education Cabinet Committee – 27 September and 14 January 2014

Consultation information can be found via the following link

http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/TunstallSchool/consultationHome

Swale Central Local Members

To make representations or for further information

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Supporting documents

None submitted

32.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Reference No: 14/00035

Kev Yes

Household Waste and Recycling Centres and Transfer Station Contract

To seek approval for the award of the Household Waste and Recycling Contract (HWRC) and Transfer Station (TS) Contract to the preferred bidder or bidders.

Financial Implications: The proposed contract spend by KCC will be approximately £7.8M per year for an initial period of up to six years, with a possible six year extension based on performance.

Legal Implications: KCC have a statutory responsibility to provide a service to enable householders to dispose of their waste.

Equality Implications: Relevant EIA's will be part of the procurement project documentation.

Bold Steps for Kent: The proposed decision is in line with priority 1 of Bold Steps for Kent 'Improve how we procure and commission services (to help the Kent economy to grow)'.

The matter us referred to in the Waste Business Plan 2013

Decision Details

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Date: Not before May 2014

Reason if Key Decision: Financial Criteria exceeded

Consultation

The relevant Cabinet Committee will receive a Procurement update during the April 2014 meeting cycle.

Further consultation will be undertaken to gather opinions from key consultee groups to ensure that the tender and evaluation process is sufficiently robust, in order to allow the Cabinet Member to sign off the final procurement outcome, prior to 01 September 2014.

Key consultee groups are as follows:

Corporate Procurement

Legal Services

Property

Finance

Potential Suppliers (Market Engagement)

Executive Director

Key Waste Officers

IN addition, on-going consultation and engagement throughout the procurement process. To include:

Market Engagement with Potential Bidders

Waste Collection Authorities (District Councils) Liaison

Other Waste Disposal Authorities Engagement/Benchmarking

Focus Groups

Finally the following key dates must be adhered to:

Preferred Bidder/s Identified: 15/16 May 2014

Standstill Period: 3-17 June 2014 Contract Sign: 26 June 2014 Mobilisation: 3 July 2014

Contract Start: 1 September 2014

Local Members and electoral Divisions in East and Mid Kent are particularly affected.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents None submitted

Not before July 2014

33.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste

Issue reference: 13/00025

Key decision: No

Bold Steps for Aviation

To approve the council's approach to issues of aviation

Decision details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste

Date: Not before June 2013

Consultation

The proposed decision will be considered by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee in July 2014.

To make representations or request further information

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Support documents

None specified

Various dates to be confirmed

34.

Responsible Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste Reference No: 12/01923, 12/01925, 12/01926, 12/01928, 12/01929, 12/01933, 12/01969

Key decision: Yes

Local Transport Strategies - Various

To agree various local transport strategies.

BS4K:

The strategies will 'Help the 'Kent Economy Grow' and 'Tackle Disadvantage' by managing congestion in town centres, improving the reliability of journey times for commuters and visitors and managing

freight journeys more successfully. This will in turn enhance key sustainable transport links to employment, education and health care.

Impacts / Costs and risks of proposed decisions:

The transport strategies to be agreed all form part a key part of evidence base for the relevant Local Plan. These plans will be subject to and examination in public by and independent planning inspector during 2013. The appropriateness and deliverability of each strategy will be an important consideration in the inspector's decision on the soundness of the Plan as a whole.

The delivery of each transport strategy will be heavily dependent on securing funding contributions from development through the section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) processes, as KCC's Local Transport Plan funding allocation from Central Government is likely to be under sustained pressure from the foreseeable future. KCC will not be the charging authority therefore it will be reliant on each local council as the planning authority to allocate sufficient CIL revenue to the priority transport infrastructure projects identified in the strategy. The availability of CIL revenue will in turn be dictated by the phasing and extent of new development which will be influenced by a range of external factors.

Adoption of the Tonbridge Town Centre Revised Transport Strategy by Kent County Council (KCC).

Decision Details

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

Date: Between December 2012 and December 2013

Reason if Key Decision: The decisions are likely to be significant in terms of their effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the

relevant local authority

Consultation

The relevant Local Members for each plan will be consulted

The Environment Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee will consider each plan prior to the agreement of the Cabinet Member.

To make representations or request further information

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Supporting documents

None submitted

dates to be confirmed in line with District council timetables