

This edition of the list of Forthcoming Executive Decisions supersedes ALL previous Editions

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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 or to request further information.

# 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 which are not provided for within the approved budget or Medium Term Financial Plan
- (b) Adoption of major new policies not included in the Policy Framework (Constitution Appendix 3) or significant changes to established policies
- (c) 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.
- (e) 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 Paul Carter	Leader of the Council	
Mr John Simmonds	Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement	
Mr Matthew Balfour	Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport	
Mr Gary Cooke	Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services	
Mr Mark Dance	Cabinet Member for Economic Development	
Mr Graham Gibbens	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health	
Mr Roger Gough	Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform	
Mr Mike Hill	Cabinet Member for Communities	
Mr Peter Oakford	Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services	
Mr Bryan Sweetland	Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways & Waste	

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# FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS LIST SUMMARY

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#### **WITHDRAWN**

Reference No: 13/00017	Key No
	Reason if Key Decision:

# **Library Services in Sandgate**

Update July 2015 – Decision withdrawn:

Developments to the proposals for Sandgate Library mean that plans are now for the refurbishment of the Library only and are within existing delegations to senior officers. Therefore no formal Cabinet Member decision will be required.

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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 and Corporate Objectives**

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

**Expected Date:** Not before April 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# CONSULTATION

#### 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. Reports, Minutes and Webcasts from the meetings can be viewed by clicking on the links below:

# September 2012

https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=748&Mld=4852&Ver=4

#### March 2013

https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=748&Mld=4855&Ver=4

The matter is referred to in the Divisional Business Plan 2013-14

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

Further information or to make representations	
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Supporting documents	

#### **UPDATE AWAITED**

Reference No: 14/00137	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision:
Delegation of care and support 2014	functions under the Care Act

*Proposed decision:* That Kent County Council exercises its power under section 79 of the Care Act 2014 to allow, in principle, delegation of the following care and support functions from:

- (a) The assessment and care provision for prisoners with eligible needs under Section 76 of the Act:
- (b) The assessment of individuals including self-funders for the purposes

of the care costs cap under Section 15 of the Act:

and further, that decisions about how this will work in practice can be taken by the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing in consultation with the Adult Transformation Board. This is seen as essential in order to facilitate the implementation of the Care Act in a timely manner.

# Financial Implications:

There are likely to be financial implications attached to the specific decisions delegated to the Corporate Director as a result of the in-principle decision to allow delegation of certain adult care and support functions. However as delegation is unlikely to be recommended unless it is seen as cost effective, the implications are expected to be positive for the Council, or at least cost-neutral.

# Legal Implications:

Section 79 of the Care Act gives local authorities the power to delegate most of the care and support functions it has under Part 1 of the Act or under section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (after-care services). The only exceptions relate to promoting integration with health services, cooperating with partners, safeguarding and decisions about which services to charge for.

Delegation of functions does not absolve the local authority of responsibility for these functions and it still remains legally accountable for the way in which the functions are carried out or if they fail to be carried out.

Any specific decisions taken by the Corporate Director will be taken in full cognisance of the legal considerations concerning procurement and commissioning.

# Equality Implications:

An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out and will be ready for the Cabinet Member to consider in advance of the Key Decision.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

**Expected Date:** Not before January 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# CONSULTATION

The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee discussed the issue on 2 May 2014, 11 July 2014, 26 September 2014 and 4 December 2014. There will be a further pre-decision discussion on 15 January 2015.

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

As and when detailed proposals are available on specific services, appropriate consultation will take place.

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

proposed record of decision

report: Care Act - Delegation of Social Care Functions

Reference No: 14/00110 Key Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# **Postural Stability Services**

To award the contract for the delivery of postural stability services to the winning bidder(s) of the competitive tendering exercise.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

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

Expected Date: Not before February 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# **CONSULTATION**

The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee agreed to support the tendering exercise at its meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

The commissioning process is a collaboration between Public Health and Social Care commissioners. A market engagement exercise was undertaken in 2014.

The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee will discuss the tendering exercise at its meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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

# Further information or to make representations

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# Supporting documents

Reference No: 14/00108 Key Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# **Teenage Pregnancy Strategy**

To approve the Kent Teenage Pregnancy Strategy for 2015-2020

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

**Expected Date:** Not before March 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# **CONSULTATION**

The matter will be discussed at the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> September

The draft strategy was subject to significant consultation, with children and young people and with children and young people's workforce. A multi-agency stakeholder event took place (March 2013) with representation from Kent County Council and across the health economy to review teenage pregnancies in Kent. There was agreement to develop a strategy renewing the efforts to further reduce rates, to be led by KIASS and public health teams. Furthermore, this was informed by the publication of the national sexual health improvement plan.

Subsequently, four consultation events were organised across Kent with guest speaker, the national lead for teenage pregnancy. These events were attended by over 120 professionals working in areas such as sexual health, children's centres, early intervention, school nurses, midwives and teachers and social care, who agreed the key strategy themes and actions.

The strategy themes have been tested through Head Start Kent programme aiming to build emotional resilience in adolescents. Co-production with children and young parents, teachers and children and young people's workers has been an essential part of this programme. In addition, the views of children and young people have been sought through a consultation event (July 2013) and peer led activities in schools with over 400 participating young people (2013-14 academic year).

Finally, we consulted with stakeholders and partners such as sexual health, education, children centres, KIASS, KIFSS, CCGs and local health and wellbeing boards, youth champions and Kent youth forum. The responses to the consultation have been noted and incorporated as appropriately to the strategy.

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

All

<b>Further</b>	information	or to	make	representations

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# Supporting documents

**Reference No:** 15/00036 **Key** Yes

Reason if Key Decision:

# **Customer Service Policy**

Decision for the organisation to formally adopt the Customer Service Policy

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Commercial & Traded Services

Expected Date: Not before April 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### CONSULTATION

Draft Policy discussed at Policy & Resources Cabinet Committee 16 Jan 2015. No

adverse comments forthcoming

Further consultation planned during February/early March including young people, older people and disability groups.

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 13/00041 Key No

Reason if Key Decision: N/a. Key

decision criteria not met.

# Herne Bay Gateway - temporary relocation of library services

#### Subject:

Gateway Services at Herne Bay Library

#### Proposed decision:

To agree to provide Gateway Services at Herne Bay Library and to relocate library services from Herne Bay Library to temporary premises during the refurbishment of the building.

# **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 on the KCC website.

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

Yes.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Community Services

**Expected Date:** Not before March 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

N/a. Key decision criteria not met.

#### CONSULTATION

The proposed decision was considered and endorsed by the Communities Cabinet Committee at the meeting held on 11 June 2013. Reports, minutes and webcast of the items consideration can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=748&Mld=4942&Ver=4

Further consultation is planned including with the relevant Cabinet Committee.

Local Members particularly affected by this proposed decision:

- Nicholas Bond : Herne Bay
- Brian MacDowell : Herne Bay
- Canterbury City Council

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 14.00022 Key Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# Former Shepway Resource Centre, Folkestone - Disposal

# LATEST UPDATE:

19/05/2014 - Decision due date changed from 18/02/2014 to 01/08/2014.

REASON: The proposed decision to dispose of the Centre was delayed while internal processes were undertaken to ensure that no other suitable use could be found before disposal. This process is complete and the former resource centre will be placed on the market shortly. Responses from the market will be gauged after a period of approximately 3 months and a proposal for the site put forward at that time. The decision will be considered by the Property Sub-Committee or the Policy and Resources cabinet Committee before being taken by the Cabinet Member.

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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

**Expected Date:** Not before August 2014

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# **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.

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 14/00149	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision:

# **Closure of Property Enterprise Funds 1 & 2**

Approval by the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement for the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support and the Director of Finance and Procurement to:

- 1. Close Property Enterprise Fund 1 and Property Enterprise Fund 2 with immediate effect.
- 2. Release the land and property currently held within the funds to be sold as part of KCC's main disposals programme and for those capital receipts to be used to support the Council's capital programme.
- 3. Instruct the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support to consider a business case that supports a decision for a new Property Investment

Fund.

The objective of the fund being to implement a KCC investment portfolio to support an income return from property assets and grow the property asset base so that KCC has a future disposal pipeline.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

**Expected Date:** Not before December 2014

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# CONSULTATION

The PEF1 and PEF2 are reported in the Medium Term Plan, however, the proposal to close them is based upon them being identified as redundant funding mechanisms snce the introduction of the Corporate Landlord and improvement in market conditions; closure of the funds will result in reporting and procedural efficiency.

This decision relates to the transfer of assets from one fund vehicle to the main disposals programme and as such there is no need to consult.

An initial assessment has identified that there is no equalites impact

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# **Supporting documents**

ROD PEF Report PEF

**Reference No:** 14/00155 **Kev** Yes

Reason if Key Decision:

# **Nautical Mews Development, Cliftonville**

Disposal of a leasehold interest for 125 years at a peppercorn rent and delegation of authority to the Director of Property and Infrastructure to finalise the terms for the transactions

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Expected Date: Not before February 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# CONSULTATION

The Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee previously endorsed the decision to demolish the Hotel Leslie and build five properties for redeveloment at its meeting on 11 July 2012. This decision was taken by Roger Gough on 13 November 2012.

The proposed decision to dispose of a leasehold interest for 125 years at a peppercorn rent will be considered by the Property Sub-Committee on 10 December 2014

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**Supporting documents** 

ROD Nautical Mews Report Nautical Mews v4

**Reference No:** 13/00095 **Key** Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** Financial criteria is likely to be exceeded

# Disposal - Residential Land adjoining Great Clayne Lane Farm, Gravesend.

To seek approval for the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services to progress with and enter into the necessary legal documentation to complete the disposal of residential land adjoining Great Clayne Lane Farm, Gravesend following the marketing of the site. The site has been marketed and offers received, shortlisted and a preferred purchaser has been identified. The Decision will seek for legal agreements to be actioned to complete the sale of the property.

The decision will allow the receipt to be achieved quickly ensuring that the capital programme is delivered and holding costs minimised. If the decision were delayed in order to be considered by the Property Sub-group, KCC would be unable to respond to the offer in a timely fashion and risk losing the prospective purchaser.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Expected Date: Not before February 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Financial criteria is likely to be exceeded

# **CONSULTATION**

Local Members Colin Caller and Jane Cribbon will be consulted before the decision is taken and all members of the council notified.

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No:	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision: This
	decision is considered as a key
	decision owing to the length of the
	lease, in accordance with the
	Council's Property Management
	Protocol

# Lawn Primary School, Gravesend - New Playing Field

Cabinet Member will be asked to agree that KCC to take a long lease of 99 years at a nominal rent from Lafarge to facilitate expansion of school roll. Lafarge to create new playing field and to maintain subsoil thereafter. The Playing Field is being delivered as part of a s106 Agreement being a contribution to mitigate the impact of adjacent development of 510 homes upon Lawn Primary School and free up space on the existing Lawn PS site to enable expansion of the existing school buildings from 1FE to 2FE.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

**Expected Date:** Not before March 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

This decision is considered as a key decision owing to the length of the lease, in accordance with the Council's Property Management Protocol

#### CONSULTATION

The proposed Cabinet Member decision will be considered by the Property Sub-Committee at its meeting scheduled 27 March 2015

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 13/00034 Key Yes

Reason if Key Decision: Financial

criteria exceeded

# Discovery Park Enterprise Zone, Sandwich. Growing Places Fund investment

#### This decision is related to the work of KMEP and SELEP

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development, is asked to agree that Kent County Council shall:

- a) Draw down capital funds of up to £4.6 million from the Growing Places Fund;
- b) Make available loan finance of up to £4.6 million to one or more third party organisations to support the development of Discovery Park Enterprise Zone.

This shall be subject to:

- a) The conclusion of a satisfactory loan agreement from Essex County Council, as the Accountable Body for Growing Places Fund; and
- b) The receipt of a satisfactory application for loan finance from one or more third party organisations

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Expected Date: Not before December 2014

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Financial criteria exceeded

#### CONSULTATION

#### Start and finish dates of consultation.

Summer 2012 - March 2013

# 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 <a href="https://www.southeastlep.com">www.southeastlep.com</a>.

# 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.

The Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee will consider a report on this decision on 2 December 2014.

# Other consultation

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Board, which has endorsed the provisional allocation of £4.6 million from the Growing Places Fund for use at Discovery Park. Consultation has also taken place with Dover District Council.

# 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.

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

Proposed RoD - Discovery Park Enterprise Zone Growing Places Fund Report - Discovery Park Enterprise Zone Growing Places Fund

Reference No: 15/00034 Key No

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# **Co-location of Community Safety Team with personnel from Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent Police**

To approve the co-location of KCC's Community Safety team with Community Safety personnel from Kent Fire and Rescue Services and Kent police, at no cost to KCC

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

Expected Date: Not before April 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# **CONSULTATION**

To be discussed by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 9 April 2015

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 14/00142 Key Yes

Reason if Key Decision:

Expenditure levels across the County exceed £1m and delivery countywide

Options for Possible Extension to the Highways Term Maintenance Contract award to Enterprise AOL

Background -The Term Maintenance Contract was let to Enterprise AOL and

mobilised in September 2011, the initial term was for five years, extendable by a further five years.

KCC has received an application from Enterprise AOL to extend this contract for two years, for the period September 2016 – 2018.

To re-commission this service takes around two years. An extension should be granted rather than enter into a recommissioning process, this will allow the KCC to fully consider all commission options.

Maintaining the Highway network and associated assets such as drainage and streetlighting systems create an efficient transport network, this is essential to support sustainable housing and employment growth – these outcomes meet the objectives of 'Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: set within Kent County Council's Strategic Statement (2015-2020)'

Financial Implications: Reduction in prices and efficiency incentives are included in the application

Legal Implications: Permitted within the original OJEU notice and contract award duration, extension will be executed as a Deed

Equality Implications: None identified

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

Expected Date: Not before April 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Expenditure levels across the County exceed £1m and delivery countywide

# CONSULTATION

# Further information or to make representations

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# Supporting documents

**Reference No:** 15/00005 **Key** Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

**Leaving Care Policy** 

To agree Kent County Council's policy on care leavers and their transition to adulthood.

The decision relates to Corporate Objectives and will support the Council's objective to:

• Improve services for the most vulnerable people in Kent.

# **Financial Implications:**

These will be set out in the recommendation report and will relate to:

- Staying Put arrangements which enable young people to remain with former foster carers
- Financial support for care leavers entering higher education
- Financial support for accommodation and maintenance

# **Legal Implications:**

The decision will ensure the council fulfils its responsibilities as a corporate parent set out in recently updated regulations to the Children Act 1989.

# **Equality Implications:**

The policy will be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

The matter is referred to in the 0-25 Portfolio Plan.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

**Expected Date:** Not before February 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### CONSULTATION

The draft policy and recommendation report will be discussed at the 20 January Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee.

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 15/00010	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision:

# Single Source Action proposal for the delivery of Supported Lodgings for Kent care leavers

**Proposed decision**: To re-award a short-term interim contract to deliver Supported Lodging provision to Kent's older Children in Care and Care Leavers from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

# How the decision relates to Corporate Objectives:

This activity is an element of the Facing the Challenge 0-25 transformation programme (Pathways for Children in Care and Care Leavers) and supports Kent's draft Supporting Independence and Opportunity – outcomes framework

**Financial Implications:** The current Supported Lodging accommodation contract, which runs from October 2014 to June 15, is £1,456,814 (£1,942,419 pro rata). This includes potential £70,000 incentive payments for the provider increasing "in year" Supported Lodgings provision above an agreed baseline. It is expected that intended longer-term increases in the availability of supported lodging placements will support cost savings in other budgets, particularly foster care.

**Legal Implications:** The 'Spending the Council's Money' policy expects procurement to be competitive, and the Council's default position regarding competition is that competition is required for all purchases. However, a number of special circumstances exist where this may not be applicable or possible, e.g. the purchasing of adult and children's services is required by law under the National Assistance Act 1948 and the Children Act 1989. Alternative processes are set out in Directorate Operational Procedures.

**Equality Implications:** An equality impact assessment (EQIA) for the wider Children in Care and Care Leavers service transformation has been undertaken, with supplementary focus on this specific action. The EQIA supports the intention to diversify provision according to need and ethnicity of young people.

The matter is referred to in the Strategic Commissioning Business Plan 2015-16.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services **Expected Date:** 

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### CONSULTATION

**Discussion at Cabinet Committee:** The original decision to implement a Single Tender Action for this service was considered by the Children's Social

Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 9 July 2014. Comments were supportive of the proposed recommendation to secure Supported Lodging provision through a short-term interim contract and a decision subsequently taken by the Cabinet Member to award an initial interim contract for the period from 1 October 2014 – 30 June 2015.

The proposed decision will be discussed by the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 21 April 2015.

Other consultation planned or undertaken: None

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 14/00020 Key Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# **Growth Without Gridlock**

#### LATEST UPDATE

19/05/2014 - Decision due date changed from 10/02/2014 to 17/09/2014. REASON: The strategic position relating to Highways and Transportation projects was set out as part of the LEP Strategic Economic Plan submitted via KMEP and the LEP to the Secretary of State at the end of March 2014, you can view the decision to submit and the document submitted here, https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=577

Central Government is expected to announce a funding allocation in July 2014. Based on these allocations the final selection and prioritisation of projects for inclusion in Growth without Gridlock will take place and the strategy as completed can be adopted by decision of the Cabinet Member.

The decision date has been updated to 'not before' 17 September 2014 in order that the draft strategy can be considered by the relevant Cabinet Committee before any decision is taken.

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**

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**Decision Maker:** Cabinet **Expected Date:** July 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# **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?

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

**Reference No:** 14/00151 **Key** Yes

Reason if Key Decision: Financial and significance criteria met

# **Community Learning and Skills - Facing the Challenge Review**

To seek agreement to creation of a local authority trading company (LATCo) that will enter into a commissioning arrangement with KCC to deliver Community Learning and Skills (CLS) services.

Members on the Transformation Advisory Group and the Transformation Board considered a number of options for the future of CLS. This is in line with Facing the Challenge review (Market Engagement and Service Review), which will see CLS operating as a shadow LATCo rehearsing practices and features of a legal entity, e.g. financial accounting and governance arrangements. An evaluation of this phase will inform the design elements of the final legal framework within which the LATCo will operate.

**Financial Implications**: Funding contracts for learning and skills from central government are anticipated to be subject to reduction for the foreseeable future. This decision seeks to give the service the freedoms and flexibilities it needs to operate in a more commercial approach, in order to maximise

income generation, preserve the service and minimise financial risks to KCC. **Legal Implications:** LATCO to be setup with agreed memorandum and articles of association and commissioned to deliver the CLS service. Staff would need to be TUPE'd into the new organisation.

**Equality Implications:** Full EQUIA has been done and will be live throughout the process.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet **Expected Date:** July 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Financial and significance criteria met

# CONSULTATION

Service Heads within CLS have ensured the workforce has been fully informed of the plans and have been involved in the development of the commercial approach.

Formal consultation over TUPE will be managed in the normal way.

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# Supporting documents

# **DECISION APPROVED - SUBJECT TO CALL-IN**

# **EXPECTED MAY BY CABINET MEMBER**

#### **EXPECTED JUNE BY CABINET**

# **EXPECTED JUNE 2015 BY CABINET MEMBER**

Reference No: 14/00068	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision: Financial
	Criteria Exceeded

# Property Disposals at Dumpton Park Drive, Broadstairs and Freemen's Way, Deal

Update - 09/03/2015 - Date changed to 'not before' June 2015.

Dumpton Drive: Extensive consultation has been carried out with the School and Education Department regarding the Dumpton Park Drive and a planning pre application has been successfully submitted. Outline Planning will be submitted within next 3 months with a view to marketing site 'subject to planning' once the application has been submitted.

Freeman's Way: Extensive consultation has taken place between KCC and Dover District Council's Estates team and a planning pre application will be submitted in March 2015, if successful, KCC will submit outline planning application prior to marketing the site 'subject to planning'.

Update - 01/12/2014 – The decision to dispose of land at London Road, Westerham is ready to be taken separately from the others advertised in this package. It has been published separately at 14/00068(a) and can be viewed by clicking on this link.

https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=32262&Opt=0

Reference to the land has been removed from this issue but the 28 day statutory publication for the intention is deemed to have been fulfilled as part of this original entry.

Approval is sought for the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support to progress with and enter into the necessary documentation to complete the disposal of Dumpton Park Drive, Broadstairs and Freemen's Way, Deal in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services.

Stock Lane, Wilmington, previously listed as part of this decision has been withdrawn.

London Road, Westerham, previously listed as part of this decision has been deleted and is now at 14/00068(a)

This decision will secure a capital receipt to fund the capital programme and to streamline the Council's property portfolio in order to achieve financial and efficiency benefits in line with the Property Policy.

The impact of the decision will be that the receipt will be achieved as quickly as possible should planning permission be granted, to ensure that the capital programme is delivered and to minimise holding costs. Without the decision, KCC will be unable to respond to offers in a timely fashion without losing the prospective purchaser. This would affect the delivery of the capital programme and increase holding costs.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Expected Date: Not before June 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Financial Criteria Exceeded

# **CONSULTATION**

The proposed decision will be published to all members and comments sought prior to the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services taking the decision. The Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee will receive a report setting out the details.

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# **Supporting documents**

#### **EXPECTED NOT BEFORE JULY BY CABINET MEMBER**

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Reference No: 15/00069	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision: Financial
	Implications: There is already a
	financial allocation in the Medium
	Term Financial Plan for the
	establishment of a Property
	Investment Fund, which would be
	utilised to support the acquisition
	strategy. A holding strategy would be
	put in place to manage the property in
	the short term.
	Legal Implications: It is proposed that
	this property will be acquired jointly
	with Maidstone Borough Council, and
	appropriate legal agreements will be
	put in place.
	Equality Implications: Not applicable

# **Strategic Acquisition, Maidstone**

To seek the agreement of the Cabinet Member to proceed with the acquisition of a strategic site in Maidstone.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Expected Date: Not before August 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Financial Implications: There is already a financial allocation in the Medium Term Financial Plan for the establishment of a Property Investment Fund, which would be utilised to support the acquisition strategy. A holding strategy would be put in place to manage the property in the short term.

Legal Implications: It is proposed that this property will be acquired jointly with Maidstone Borough Council, and appropriate legal agreements will be put in place

Equality Implications: Not applicable

# **CONSULTATION**

The proposed decision will be discussed at a meeting of the Property Sub-Committee, to be arranged, before being taken by the Cabinet Member.

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 14/00116	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision:

# Halfway Houses Primary school, Expansion from 2FE to 3 FE

To allow the allocation of funds necessary towards the priority school building scheme to provide the additional places to expand the school to 3FE.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

**Expected Date:** Not before July 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# **CONSULTATION**

Reported and discussed at Education Cabinet Committee on 14 March 2014.

Electoral Division: Sheerness Local Member: Angela Harrison to be

consulted

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# **Supporting documents**

**Reference No:** 14/00003

14/00003b 14/00003c **Key** Yes

Reason if Key Decision:

# Relocation and expansion of Tunstall CofE Primary School, Sittingbourne

Further decision - No: 140003/C

July 2015

As a result of costs within the construction sector having risen significantly since the original estimates were made, and in particular construction costs within late 2014 reaching unanticipated levels, further capital funding is necessary to complete this project.

In order to continue the project as planned, a further £2.28million is requested from the Capital Budget.

# Reasons for decision:

The Education Cabinet Committee paper of the 14 January 2014 estimated the total cost of the rebuild and expansion of Tunstall CE Primary School on its new site to be in the region of £4,8m. Costs within the construction sector have risen significantly since the original estimates were made. The revised estimated project cost is now in the region of £7.1m and appropriate funding has been identified as part of the Medium Term Capital programme, which includes funding from the Targeted Basic Need allocation made by the DfE in August 2013. As the revised estimated project cost is more than 10% of the original estimate, a further decision is required to allocate the additional funds.

# **Financial Implications:**

a. Capital – The school will be rebuilt as a 2FE school on a site owned by the County Council, located approximately 500 metres to the north east

of the existing school. The revised total cost is estimated to be in the region of £7.1m. 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.

- b. Revenue The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget on a 'per pupil' basis.
- c. Human Tunstall CE Primary School will appoint additional teachers, as the school size increases and the need arises.

#### 14/0003 & 14/0003/B

It is proposed to relocate and rebuild the 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 objections 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 complete the process.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

**Expected Date:** Not before July 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# CONSULTATION

Education Cabinet Committee – 27 September 2012 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

The Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee considered the proposed decision (to allocate additional funding) on 8 July 2015:

RESOLVED that the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee endorse the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, to approve the following capital projects and allocate funding from the

Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget in the following amounts, in order that the proposals may go ahead:

a. A further £2.3m for Tunstall CE Primary School, Swale.

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# **Supporting documents**

**Reference No:** 14/00141 (a)

14/00141 (b)

**Key** Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# **Portal House School, Dover**

Further decision – No: 14/00141 (B) July 2015

On 19 December 2014 the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform took a decision to issue a Public Notice to expand Portal House School (a Special school) by 20 places from 1 September 2015, and to allocate £8.5m from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget to support the rebuild and expansion of this school.

The original decision included a clause that, should objections be received to the public notice a further decision would be required in order that they be given proper consideration by the Cabinet Member. Two objections were received to the Public

Notice (attached at Appendix 1), thus a separate decision (14/00141 (B)) is required to continue the proposal.

Additionally, following submission of a planning application, significant redesign work has been required, resulting in a budget pressure. Therefore the current estimate has increased to £9m from £8.5m

# Proposed decision:

The Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform is asked to consider the responses to the consultation and decide whether to proceed with the proposal and

(i) Issue a public notice to expand Portal House School by 20 places as part of the project to rebuild the school on its current location by 1 September 2015.

And, subject to no objections being received to the public notice:

- (ii) Expand the school by 20 places as part of the project to rebuild the school on its current location by 1 September 2015.
- (iii) Allocate £8.5m from the Education, Learning and Skills Capital Budget
- (iv) Authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support in consultation with the Director of Governance and Law to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council
- (v) Authorise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts

Should objections, not already considered by the Cabinet Member when taking this decision, be received during the notice period a separate decision will be required in order to continue the proposal and allow for proper consideration of the points raised.

# Financial Implications:

- a. <u>Capital</u> The capital cost of the rebuild and expansion of the school will be allocated from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget.
- b. <u>Revenue</u> The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget. Special schools are funded using the DfE Place Plus funding methodology for High Needs Pupils.
- c. <u>Human</u> Additional staff will be appointed as numbers increase gradually at the school over the next few years.

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:

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

Decision 14/00141 (A)

December 2014

This decision seeks agreement to the issuing of a public notice concerning Portal House School, Dover. As part of the project the school will be rebuilt on its current location by 1 September 2015 and the PAN increased by 20 places.

Should no objections be received during the public notice period, the second part of the Cabinet Member Decision to allocate funds etc will be enacted without further consideration. Should new objections be received during the statutory public notice period, the Cabinet Member will consider them before taking the decision which will be recorded and published separately in those circumstances.

# **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

**Expected Date:** Not before July 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### CONSULTATION

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

- **19 December 2014:** The Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform decided to issue a Public Notice to expand Portal House School by 20 places.
- **8 July 2015:** RESOLVED that the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee endorse the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, to approve the following capital projects and allocate funding from the Education and Young People's Services Capital Budget, in the following amounts, in order that the proposals may go ahead:

£9m to the rebuild and expansion of Portal House School, Dover.

# Further information or to make representations

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# **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 15/00004 Key Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# **Establishment of a Voluntary Adoption Agency for Kent**

The decision relates to Corporate Objectives as it will be a key part of the Council's aim to ensure that every child has the best start in life

**Financial Implications:** These are being established as part of the feasibility work. The value will be over £1m.

**Legal Implications:** These are being established as part of the feasibility work. Legal Services will be involved in the drawing up of any contract

between the Council and any external parties.

**Equality Implications:** A full Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken in relation to this proposed decision.

The Facing the Challenge work has identified the Adoption Service as a service to potentially be considered as part of the 0 – 25 Services Transformation Programme Phase 2.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

Expected Date: Not before July 2015

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# CONSULTATION

This issue will be discussed by the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 20 January 2015

# Further information or to make representations

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# Supporting documents

#### NOT BEFORE AUGUST BY CABINET MEMBER

Reference No: 15/00045 Key Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# **Kent Community Hot Meals delivery service**

Proposed decision: to tender the Kent hot meals delivery contract at a unit cost per meal, moving away from the current block contract arrangement.

The Community hot meals delivery service supports Kent County Council's vision to:

- Tackle disadvantage
- Reduce avoidable demand on Health & Social Care services
- Focus on improving lives by ensuring that every penny spent in Kent is delivering better outcomes for Kent's residents, communities and businesses
- Improve people's outcomes by increasing their independence

• Enable adults in Kent to lead independent lives, safely in their own community

#### **Financial Implications:**

This is a 3 year contract with the option to extend for 1 year and a further 1 year (3+1+1years) at a cost estimated to be £199,500 per year for 5 years, giving a total of £997,500.

**Legal Implications:** Legal implications are being worked on and will be covered fully in the contract.

**Equality Implications:** An equality impact assessment has found the risk to those people with protected characteristics is low. The service is available to any person who is assessed as needing it and any additional requirements will form part of the service delivery order.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

**Expected Date:** Not before August 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### CONSULTATION

The issue will be discussed by the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 10 July.

Other consultation planned or undertaken: If the price charged to customers needs to increase there may be a need to consult with those already in receipt of the service.

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#### Supporting documents

Reference No: 15/00063 Kev Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

**Commissioning of Advocacy Services for Vulnerable Adults** 

Proposed decision: To re-commission advocacy services for vulnerable adults and to give delegated authority to the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing to authorise the letting of the contract.

The provision of Advocacy Services meets statutory responsibilities and supports Kent County Council's vision to:

- Tackle disadvantage
- Reduce avoidable demand on health & social care services
- Focus on improving lives by ensuring that every penny spent in Kent is delivering better outcomes for Kent's residents, communities and businesses
- Improve people's outcomes by increasing their independence
- Enable adults in Kent to lead independent lives, safely in their own community

Financial Implications: It is expected that the value of these services will be up to £1.49m

**Legal Implications:** To be factored into contract.

**Equality Implications:** This will be undertaken as part of the re-commissioning.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

**Expected Date:** Not before August 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### CONSULTATION

The issue will be discussed by the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 10 July 2015

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#### Supporting documents

#### OCTOBER 2015 BY CABINET

Reference No: 15/00030	Key Yes Reason if Key Decision:
KCC's Voluntary and Community Sector Policy	

Following public consultation, to agree and adopt a KCC's VCS Policy

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Community Services

**Expected Date:** October 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### **CONSULTATION**

Public consultation is planned from mid March and will run for 12 weeks in line with the Kent Partners Compact. The consultation will involve an online questionnaire and deliberative events.

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#### **Supporting documents**

**Reference No:** 15/00057 **Kev** Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

# Drainage and local flood risk policy statement to support new statutory role

Adoption of policy statement

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet

**Expected Date:** Not before October 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### **CONSULTATION**

A consultation will take place from 10 June to 24 July 2015

#### Further information or to make representations

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#### **Supporting documents**

#### **NOVEMBER BY CABINET**

Reference No: 14/00150 Key Yes

**Reason if Key Decision:** 

## Establishment of a Property & Infrastructure Support Local Authority Trading Company (LATC)

The establishment of a local authority trading company to deliver property services for East Kent and other clients

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet

**Expected Date:** November 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### **CONSULTATION**

The proposed decision has previously been considered by the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 10 July 2014 and the Cabinet has also endorsed the proposal.

The Trading Activities Sub-Committee will also be consulted

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#### Supporting documents

## LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGIES: DATES TO BE CONFIRMED IN LINE WITH DISTRICT TIMETABLES TO BE TAKEN BY CABINET MEMBER

**Reference No: 12/01923** 

Individual plans will be numbered

12/01923 (a) (b) (c) etc.

Canterbury Local Transport Plan

**Key** Yes

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.

# Local Transport Strategies - Approval - Various. Current decision: Canterbury LTS

Update July 2015 Decision taken

**Update June 2015** 

Proposed decision published for comment 24 June 2015

#### **Update April 2015**

Decision considered and endorsed by the April 2015 Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee

Decision deferred as issues brought to the attention of the Cabinet Member during the proposed decision publication period are resolved.

#### Update 17 February 2015:

Proposed decision to endorse the principles set out in the Canterbury Local Transport Plan published.

#### Update 4 February 2015:

The Canterbury Local Transport Strategy was considered and the principle endorsed by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee in December 2014. A formal decision will now be taken by the Cabinet Member which will set out the terms of the support for the strategy.

To agree various local transport strategies.

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 2015. 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.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

**Expected Date:** Not before February 2015

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

#### **Canterbury LTS:**

The Canterbury LTS was considered by the Canterbury JTB in October 2014 and the KCC Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee in December 2014.

The agenda, papers and minutes can be viewed on the Canterbury City Council website by clicking the link below:

http://democracy.canterbury.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=126&Mld=9769&Ver=4

Alongside the Local Plan regulation 18 and 19 consultations conducted by the District Councils, the each Local Transport Strategy will be considered by the relevant JTB and the KCC Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee before being formally agreed by the Cabinet Member.

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#### **Supporting documents**

#### **DEFERRED**

Reference No: 14/00139 Key No

Reason if Key Decision: Financial Implications: KSAS is currently funded by £3.4m from central government but this funding is not ring fenced and at the present time the government funding is intended to cease at the end of 14/15. Legal Implications: Following legal challenge in September 2014, by another local authority, the government is reconsidering the national funding of local welfare provision. The outcome of this review is expected in December in the provisional local government finance settlement.

Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out and will be ready for the Cabinet Member to consider in advance of the Key Decision.

## **Kent Support and Assistance Service - future of service**

To agree the future of the Kent Support & Assistance Service (KSAS) after April 2015.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

**Expected Date:** 

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Legal Implications: Following legal challenge in September 2014, by another local authority, the government is reconsidering the national funding of local welfare provision. The outcome of this review is expected in December in the provisional local government finance settlement.

Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out and will be ready for the Cabinet Member to consider in advance of the Key Decision.

#### CONSULTATION

The Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee considered the matter, including potential long term options in July and December 2014.

The same Cabinet Committee received an update in July 2015 which recommended that no change be made to current provision at this time.

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#### **Supporting documents**

Reference No:	<b>Key</b> Yes
	Reason if Key Decision:

#### Sandwich Highways Depot

#### Update 09/03/2015:

DEFERRED: The disposals team at KCC are currently working on new plans for the site in order to ensure that the maximum value is secured; surveys are being carried out with a view to marketing the site in the future dependent on the outcome of those surveys.

#### Latest Update:

19/05/2014: Decision due date changed from 23/12/2013 to 'Not before' 01/11/2014. REASON: The disposals team at KCC are currently working on new plans for the site in order to ensure that the maximum value for the site is secured. Options appraisal work is underway and this work is expected to take approx. 6 months, therefore an expected decision date is set for November.

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 will be authorised to finalise terms for both the disposal and acquisition of a new site.

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.

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 **Expected Date:** 

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### **CONSULTATION**

The matter was considered by the Property Sub Committee of the Policy and resources Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The proposed decision was endorsed by the Committee.

The report to committee was exempt from publication and consideration of it took place in private.

Public minutes can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/g5176/Printed%20minutes%2027th-Feb-2013%2014.00%20Property%20Sub-Committee.pdf?T=1

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#### **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 12/020231	Key No
	Reason if Key Decision: Not a key
	decision

#### **Eden Centre Lease**

#### LATEST UPDATE:

19/05/2014 - Decision due date changed from 01/03/2014 to 01/01/2015. REASON: The decision remains at the earliest stages of investigation and options appraisal. A further review will take place in January 2015 when a decision pathway will be identified and the proposed decision updated further.

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To seek agreement to the principle of granting a long lease to a charitable community interest company or similar vehicle, of The Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge.

The proposal directly links to Bold Steps for Kent, 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.

The impact of the decision will be that KCC will have less control of the management and operation of the centre as they would become the responsibility of a third party.

#### Risks identified are:

- Reliance on the professionalism of the trustees to deliver a successful facility, agreeing with all partners a financial model for the charitable vehicle
- Reputational damage to KCC if the charitable vehicle were to fail
- Obtaining 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 a new facility
- Continued KCC ownership of a non-core asset
- Officers may be unable to get agreement from stakeholders, charitable vehicle does not prove 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 **Expected Date:** 

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Not a key decision

#### 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.

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#### **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 14/00159	Key Yes
	Reason if Key Decision:
	Expenditure or savings of more than

£1m

## **Proposal to expand Bysing Wood Primary School**

To expand Bysing Wood Primary School from 1FE to 2FE.

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Education & Health Reform

**Expected Date:** 

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Expenditure or savings of more than £1m

#### CONSULTATION

To be discussed at a future meeting of Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee

Local Member for Faversham, Tom Gates, to be consulted

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#### **Supporting documents**

Reference No: 13/00038 Key No

Reason if Key Decision: Not a key

decision

#### Joint Transportation Boards - Agreement and Governance

#### **Latest Update:**

Decision due date changed from 01/06/2013 to 22/07/2014. REASON: Negotiations continue between the relevant stakeholders to amend the agreement relating to JTB's.

To seek 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 addition amendments will be sought to the voting rights of Parish Council representatives as per the recommendations of Kent Association of Local Councils and endorsed by the EHW Cabinet Committee in December 2013.

BS4K - JTB's are an important local mechanism for discussing highway/transport matters. In this context, JTBs meet Kent County Council's Localism Agenda.

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

#### **DECISION DETAILS**

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

**Expected Date:** 

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Not a key decision

#### **CONSULTATION**

All JTBs will be consulted on the proposals before the decision will be put to the Cabinet Member for EHW.

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

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#### **Supporting documents**

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