

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Michael Payne

Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

DECISION NO:

20/00104

For publication**Key decision***

Yes

Subject: Kent Transport Model Support & Development Commission**Decision:** As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport I agree:

- (i) to grant the Director of Highways, Transport & Waste delegated powers to award a contract to maintain and develop the Kent Transport Model and to run a scenario testing service on behalf of the County Council, subject to the outcome of a procurement process and
- (ii) to submit a further report to a future meeting of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee covering issues relating to availability of the data and pricing.

Reason(s) for decision:

A Multimodal Strategic Transport Model will improve network planning and resilience and, in the longer term, to provide a platform for 'near real time' modelling and identifying network interventions as incidents and congestion arise.

The model will be used for a range of work such as land use option testing and providing the evidence base for Local Plans and to feed into business cases for transport infrastructure scheme bids. The successful consultant will operate a scenario testing service for the County Council, for the districts and for developers. Income generated from developers will be used to keep the model up to date and to reinvest in its future development.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 12 November 2020.

Members endorsed the proposed decision, and also recommend that a further report be brought back to the Cabinet Committee covering issues relating to availability of the data and pricing.

Any alternatives considered:

An assessment of our options for maintaining and operating the Kent Transport Model have been undertaken in a detailed Business Case. Our recommended approach is to procure a specialist transport modelling consultancy for a long-term commission (of up to 10 years including a break clause at year 5). This approach, where we will have a strategic relationship with a single supplier, provides the best return in terms of process efficiencies, effective transport and land use planning, value for money and potential for generating income for reinvesting in the model development.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

Michael Payne

26/11/2020

Signed

date

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