

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Derek Murphy, Cabinet Member for Economic Development

DECISION NO:

24/00092

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Kent & Medway Skills Bootcamps Programme

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Economic Development I agree (subject to receiving confirmation of funding from the DfE) to:

- (i) APPROVE the acceptance of the National Skills Fund Grant, subject to final review and consideration of detailed terms and conditions from the Department of Education, for delivery of the Skills Bootcamps Programme for Kent & Medway.
- (ii) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Growth and Communities after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, to review and agree to the required terms and conditions to enter into the necessary grant arrangements.
- (iii) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Growth and Communities to take other necessary actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement the decision to deliver a Skills Bootcamp Programme for Kent and Medway.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC has been invited by the Department for Education (DfE) to submit a funding application for a Kent & Medway Skills Bootcamps programme for 2025-26. Skills Bootcamps are intensive, Level 3-5 flexible training courses of up to 16 weeks which equip adults with technical skills that enable them to access new or enhanced employment opportunities and enable local businesses to tackle skills gaps.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be considered by members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 6 November 2024.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Not run a local Skills Bootcamps Programme in Kent & Medway. This would miss an opportunity to support known needs of local businesses and local people seeking employment or career development opportunities and leave Kent & Medway behind other areas successfully running bootcamps programmes such as Hampshire.

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

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signed

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date