

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Rob Thomas, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

24/00095

For publication

Key decision: YES / NO

Subject Matter Adoption of the Kent County Council Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2025-2028**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to:

- To adopt the Kent Environment Plan on behalf of Kent County Council.
- To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to refresh and/or make revisions to the Strategy as appropriate during the lifetime of the strategy.
- To delegate authority to the Corporate Growth, Environment and Transport to take relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of, and entering into required contract or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent County Council (KCC) recognised the UK climate emergency on 23rd May 2019, acknowledging the significant threats posed and opportunities presented by climate change. In response, the Council committed to developing and adopting the Kent & Medway Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee will consider the proposal at their meeting on 14 November 2024.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

1. **Do nothing** - continue with a business-as-usual approach and allow climate change impacts to affect KCC and Kent as and when they happen without a strategic approach to mitigating them.
2. **Revise and adopt The Climate Adaptation Programme for Kent and Medway** – adopt a strategy that takes a sector-based approach to adaptation across Kent, but lacks clearly defined roles and governance structures and would require significant financial resourcing.

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