

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

DECISION NO:

24/00104

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: External Grant Funding Acceptance by Kent County Council on behalf of Active Kent & Medway

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services I agree:

- To ENDORSE Kent County Council acting as the accountable and host body for the Active Kent & Medway Partnership and permit the acceptance of funding to support the delivery of the Kent & Medway Strategic Framework for Sport and Physical Activity 2023-2027. ([Move Together - ActiveKent](#))
- To ENDORSE the Kent County Council and Active Kent & Medway Memorandum of Understanding for Hosting 2023-2027.
- To DELEGATE authority to the Director of Growth and Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services and the S151 Officer or Cabinet Member for Finance to accept and deploy grants and other external funding to support the delivery of the Kent & Medway Strategic Framework for Sport and Physical Activity; including future years allocations, providing it is on the same terms and conditions as previous grant funding.
- To DELEGATE authority to the Director of Growth and Communities to take necessary actions including but not limited to entering into relevant contracts, or other legal agreements to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

Active Kent & Medway is the hosted service that provides strategic leadership, direction and support for the delivery of sport and physical activity across the county. Active Kent & Medway is externally funded and received a grant for the 2022 – 2027 period from Sport England of £3,452,950, paid in instalments to support the delivery of Move Together; the countywide strategy for sport and physical activity. In November 2024, Active Kent & Medway was awarded an additional £219,600 of investment by Sport England linked to the original funding agreement.

Consequently, it has come to light that the acceptance of the initial grant was not subject to the Key Decision process and retrospective agreement from the Cabinet Member (pertaining to the original grant and the new additional award) is now sought for Kent County Council to accept funding for the benefit of Kent's residents on behalf of Active Kent & Medway

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered and endorsed by the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 22 January 2025.

Move Together – Active Kent– the countywide strategy for sport and physical activity has been previously shared with the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee for

comment on 22nd November 2022.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

To not enter into the agreement to act as host accountable body for Active Kent and Medway. This would reduce the opportunity for collaborative work between AKM and KCC and have an impact on support provided to partner organisations and stakeholders that work to provide opportunities for Kent's residents to be active.

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

None

Clair Bell

29/01/2025

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signed

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