

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

DECISION NO:

16/00068(2)

For publication

Key decision*

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Subject: Implementation and Publication of Our Approach to Asset Management in Highways

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, I agree to adopt and authorise publication of "Implementing Our Approach to Asset Management in Highways," in order to maximise capital funding issued by the Department of Transport

Reason(s) for decision:

Changes to the department of Transport rules for funding highway maintenance have been introduced through its Incentive Fund to encourage local authorities to embed the use of asset management techniques into their management of highway maintenance and decision making around funding and priorities.

There are 3 bands for incentive funding purposes. In January, Kent assessed itself as a Band 1 authority. If Kent cannot evidence that it has fully adopted the use of asset management methodology and in doing so has progressed to Band 3, it will receive £13m less in capital funding over the next 4 years.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

On 13 January, Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee resolved to support the embedding of asset management principles and set up a Member Task and Finish Group to get to Band 2 for 2017/18 and Band 3 in 2018/19.

On 8 July, Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee discussed and resolved to approve a top level document, "Our Approach to Asset Management in Highways." Since then, Members and officers have developed a detailed strategy document; "Implementing Our Approach to Asset Management In Highways."

On 12 January 2017, Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee discussed and resolved to endorse the strategy document, "Implementing our Approach to Asset Management in Highways."

Any alternatives considered:

N/A – the new approach is to comply with changes to funding of highway maintenance by Department for Transport. If changes are not made, Kent will receive less £13m capital funding over the next four years

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

None

M Balfour

signed

18th January 2017

date

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