

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

### DECISION TAKEN BY

**Mark Dance, Cabinet Member for Economic Development**

### DECISION NO:

**17/00032**

### For publication

### Key decision\*

Yes – Expenditure over £1m

**Subject:** Accept Grant Funding to deliver the following Local Growth Fund schemes

- Fort Halstead in Sevenoaks
- Kent & Medway Engineering, Design, Growth and Enterprise (EDGE) Hub
- Leigh Flood Storage Area and East Peckham– Unlocking Growth
- SELEP Coastal Communities – Housing Led Economic Regeneration in Cliftonville West/Margate Central

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Economic Development, I agree to

Accept Government grant funding of £12.95m capital to deliver the following schemes:

- Fort Halstead in Sevenoaks (1.53m)
- Kent & Medway Engineering, Design, Growth and Enterprise (EDGE) Hub (6.12m)
- Leigh Flood Storage Area and East Peckham– Unlocking Growth (4.636m)
- SELEP Coastal Communities – Housing Led Economic Regeneration in Cliftonville West/Margate Central (£0.666m)

ii) Enter into agreements for the transfer of Local Growth Fund to the respective delivery organisation for the three schemes; and

iii) Delegate to the Director of Economic Development and Director of Environment, Planning and Enforcement the authority to conclude arrangements to secure the recovery of administration costs associated with KCC's management of the grant agreements.

### Reason(s) for decision:

In January 2017 the Government announced an allocation of £102m of local growth funding for the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) for the delivery of a range of transport and business support related schemes. The Growth deal (Round 3) included the allocation of funding for Fort Halstead in Sevenoaks, Kent & Medway Engineering, Design, Growth and Enterprise (EDGE) Hub and Leigh Flood Storage Area schemes following the submission of outline business cases for each scheme to SELEP (<http://www.southeastlep.com/growth-deal>).

In addition to the above, a SELEP wide working group (Coastal Communities group) submitted a Housing Intervention Project as part of LGF Round 1 as a pan LEP project for housing interventions to be delivered in three coastal communities; Tendring, Thanet and Hastings.

**Governance**

All schemes will be delivered in line with the current governance arrangements under the Local Growth Fund (KCC and SELEP). Therefore each scheme will carry out necessary consultation and equality impact assessments as part of the scheme progression.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The Growth Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee will consider this matter at its meeting on 22 March 2017 and any comments will be taken into account when the decision is being made

**Any alternatives considered:**

**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

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