

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 that the council shall (subject to the completion of a full business case, satisfactory appraisal by an Independent Technical Evaluator and approval by SELEP Accountability Board) accept:

- i) 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.

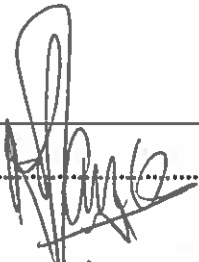
Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was discussed by Members of the Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 22 March. Members resolved to endorse the proposal.

Any alternatives considered:

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

None



signed

date

4/4/17

Name:

Mark Durre