

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

### DECISION TAKEN BY

Mark Dance Cabinet Member for Economic Development

### DECISION NO:

17/00017

For publication

**Key decision\*** Yes, expenditure over £1m

**Subject:** Dartford Town Centre – Approval to enter in to a Legal Agreement

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Economic Development, I agree to the Corporate Director Growth, Environment & Transport and the Corporate Director Finance & Procurement, to negotiate and execute legal and/or partnership agreements for the delivery of the Dartford Town Centre scheme

### Reason(s) for decision:

The Kent Thameside Strategic Transport Infrastructure Programme (STIP) is a package of improvements that respond to assessments of the individual impacts and mitigation measures for significant development across the boroughs of Dartford and Gravesham. A Key Decision was taken on 15 October 2012 (Decision No. 12/01953) agreeing to the County Council acting as the Accountable Body for the programme.

A scheme within Dartford Town Centre is included within the STIP programme and involves a package of works in and around the town centre that require both transport and public realm improvements

Due to the importance of this project to Dartford, Dartford Borough Council has offered to lead this important project for the regeneration of their town and surrounding area and as such, subsequent discussions between DBC Chief Executive and KCC Corporate Director for GET has resulted in an initial agreement that this is to go ahead, subject to appropriate agreements being in place and KCC being involved in relevant groups and meeting including the Project and Steering Group.

### Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

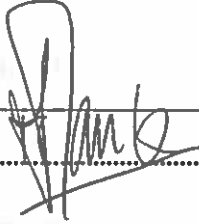
The proposal was discussed by Members of the Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 22 March. Members agreed to endorse the proposal.

### Any alternatives considered:

Options were considered with both Authorities being involved in the process from procurement through to construction but the Governance arrangements and potential hurdles to overcome were such that there was risk that actual design work would not commence until late 17/18. This would affect delivery of the construction phases and was deemed to be unsatisfactory for both parties.

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

None



signed

4/4/17

date

Name: MARK DURRE.