

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mike Hill,
Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

DECISION NO:

17/00114

For publication

Key decision*

No

Subject: Open Golf Championship

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services, I agree to KCC supporting the return of The Open Championship to Sandwich, in 2020, and to contribute £250,000 towards the cost of capital infrastructure works at Sandwich Railway Station, subject to a commitment that The Open returns to Sandwich at least every eight years, for a further two Open Championships.

I further agree that KCC will initially pay costs that the DfT will incur through this project, and will then be reimbursed on a quarterly basis, subject to confirmation, for those costs. The exact amount of costs that the DfT will contribute is still to be confirmed, as part of ongoing value engineering of the project.

Reason(s) for decision:

Hosting The Open at Royal St George's Golf Course at Sandwich will substantially raise Kent's profile as a tourism destination. It is likely to have a significant economic impact. Past performance suggests the economic benefit to Kent will be in excess of £77m

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was discussed by Members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 22 March. Members resolved that:

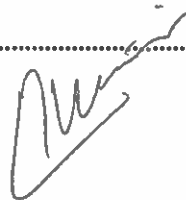
- (a) The announcement by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club to host The Open 2020 at Royal St Georges be welcomed; and
- (b) The work underway to deliver the associated transport improvements at Sandwich Station be noted

Any alternatives considered:

N/A

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

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signed



Name:

MIKE HILL

21-12-17
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date