

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Roger Gough
Leader of Kent County Council

DECISION NO:

19/00093

For publication

Key decision*

Yes - Expenditure or savings of more than £1m

Subject: Reform of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership's (SELEP) governance

Decision:

As Leader of Kent County Council, I agree to:

- Kent County Council remaining a partner in and member of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) after it becomes a company limited by guarantee in 2020.
- Confirm that the Leader of the Council will be the KCC nomination for appointment as a Director of SELEP Ltd, as per the proposed SELEP Board Membership arrangements.
- Confirm that the Leader of Kent County Council will be the formal voting representative of KCC at SELEP Strategic Board meetings of SELEP Ltd and at the SELEP Accountability Board, the latter to be governed by the updated Joint Committee Agreement; and
- Delegate authority to Kent County Council's Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader and the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport, to enter into relevant contracts, legal agreements and put appropriate arrangements in place required to implement this decision, including but not limited to, signing an updated Joint Committee Agreement governing the SELEP Accountability Board.

Reason(s) for decision:

The decision relates to Kent County Council's continued involvement with the South East Local Enterprise Partnership. KCC is anticipated to receive over £150m from 2015 to 2021 for capital projects, and this central government funding is passported through SELEP. If Kent County Council decides to withdraw from SELEP, some of this funding will be at risk.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

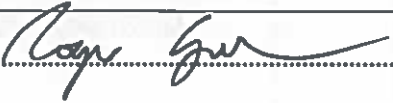
The proposal was considered and endorsed by Members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 28 November.

Any alternatives considered:

Kent County Council declines to participate in SELEP under the new arrangements, and consequently does not nominate a KCC representative to act as a Company Director, nor endorse the governance documentation.

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

None

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signed 

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date

Name: ROGER GOUGH