

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Michael Payne

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

20/00029

For publication

Key decision*

Yes

Subject:

A249 Key Street and Grovehurst Road Junction Improvements

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport I agree to the following:

- i. Approval for the preparation of outline designs for the A249/A2 Key Street and A249/B2005 Grovehurst Road Junction Improvements for public consultation, development control and land charge disclosures;
- ii. Approval to enter into a Grant Determination Agreement (GDA) with Homes England for the overall allocation awarded for the Swale Transport Infrastructure;
- iii. Approval to enter into S6 agreements with Highways England and the Sheppey DBFO (Design, Build, Finance & Operate) contractor;
- iv. Approval to acquire, where appropriate, S106 contributions from developers;
- v. Approval for the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport, under the Officer Scheme of Delegations, to take further or other decisions as may be appropriate to progress the A249/A2 Key Street and A249/B2005 Grovehurst Road Junction Improvements.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has allocated funding of £38.1m Highway Infrastructure Fund (HIF) for the improvement of the A249/Key Street Junction and the A249/B2005 Grovehurst Junction. These improvements would support the delivery of over 6,000 homes in the period 2022 – 2031 identified in the adopted Swale Local Plan and relieve existing congestion.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

During the HIF bid preparation, a Project Working Group was set up involving, KCC, Swale BC, Highways England and the A249 Route Management partner. Further invitations will now be made to establish an appropriate stakeholder group to meet regularly to help take the project through the next stages of development.

A public consultation on the outline design and options will be undertaken in June/July 2020.

Cabinet Committee Members were engaged informally via email in advance of this proposed decision being published and all comments received were duly considered by the Cabinet Member as part of their decision-making.

Any alternatives considered:

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:
None

Michael Payne
signed

24 April 2020
date