

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Miss Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for the Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00062

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Kent County Council adoption of the Kent & Medway Energy & Low Emission Strategy (sub-Strategy of the Kent Environment Strategy)

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to approve the Strategy for adoption and implementation, working in partnership with all Local Authorities in Kent & Medway, utilising the existing Kent Environment Strategy delivery framework; and delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport to take relevant actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

To develop a combined Energy & Low Emissions Strategy – this option demonstrates the interlinking nature of actions required to address climate change emissions, air pollution, energy security and the opportunities for greater partnership activity.

Formal adoption of a new Strategy to be implemented across the county in partnership with all Kent local authorities, where Kent County Council is the lead partner.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Strategy was most recently brought to ETCC on 28 November 2019 for consideration and recommendation after edits were made to the draft Strategy (papers presented to ETCC in November 2018 and May 2019) following the results of the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy Public Consultation, which ran from the 1 July to the 23 September 2019. The Strategy has also been further amended to reflect the COVID-19 pandemic.

The proposed decision was discussed and endorsed by Members of the environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 17 July 2020.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

1. Do not adopt the new strategy but continue action under Kent Environment Strategy (KES) which was last updated in 2016 and itself identified a need for a Low Emissions Strategy to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality.
2. Develop a separate Energy Strategy and a Low Emissions Strategy – this was the initial plan until it was realised that many of the key actions to deliver both strategies were the same.

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

Susan Carey
signed

30 July 2020
date

