

From: Roger Gough, Leader of the County Council
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To: Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee – 25 September 2020

Decision No: N/A – For information only

Subject: **Decisions taken between Cabinet Committee Meetings**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Past Pathway of Paper: Cabinet Member Decision

Future Pathway of Paper: N/A

Electoral Division: County-wide

Summary: The attached decision was taken between meetings of the Growth, Economic Development and Cabinet Committee as it could not be reasonably deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Cabinet Committee for the reasons set out in paragraph 2.2 below.

Recommendation:

The Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee is asked to note that the following decision was taken between meetings of the Cabinet Committee in accordance with the process set out in the Council's constitution:

20/00085 – Investment of Getting Building Funding in KCC-delivered projects

1. Introduction

1.1 The following decision was taken between meetings of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee, as it could not reasonably be deferred.

2. 20/00085 – Investment of Getting Building Funding in KCC-delivered projects

2.1 The Leader of the Council has taken a decision to accept the Getting Building Funding (GBF) under SELEP terms and conditions to support already approved KCC projects that the SELEP Partnership's Strategic Board prioritised to receive GBF at its Board meeting on 16 July 2020. SELEP confirmed seven projects within Kent, including three that are being directly delivered by KCC; Digitally Connecting Rural Kent & Medway, Thanet Parkway Railway Station and Javelin Way Development.

- 2.2 Since the publication of the Forthcoming Executive Decision plan, KCC has been informed by Building Digital UK (BDUK) that the extended broadband top-up voucher scheme needed to be announced on 7 September as this was the last date that changes could be made to the scheme to allow sufficient time to build the required broadband connections.
- 2.3 The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of broadband to Kent's residents and businesses to access services and home-working. To not jeopardise the project, the Leader has taken the decision to enable KCC to meet the BDUK announcement date.

3. Recommendation(s)

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4. Background Documents

20/00085 – Record of Decision -

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