

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

**Michael Payne, Cabinet Member for
Highways & Transportation**

DECISION NO:

20/00077

For publication Yes

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Gravesend Bus Hub (Barrack Row & Garrick Street)

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation, I agree to:

- i. Approval to enter into the Local Growth Fund and Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) Grant funding agreements subject to the approval of the Corporate Director of Finance & Procurement;
- ii. Approval to undertake the detailed design and surveys for the project, including development control and land charge disclosures. This work will be undertaken by appointing a consultant through the KCC Professional Services Framework Contract;
- iii. Approval to progress all statutory approvals or consents required for the scheme, including transfer of land and rights;
- iv. Approval to carry out any additional consultation required for the scheme;
- v. Approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme subject to the approval of the Capital Officer Group to the recommended procurement strategy
- vi. Approval for any further decisions required to allow the scheme to proceed through to delivery to be taken by the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport under the Officer Scheme of Delegations following prior consultation with the Cabinet Member.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Gravesend Bus Hub will deliver a bus interchange in Gravesend Town Centre to improve the transport connections between rail, bus, cycling and walking, linking with the recently completed Rathmore Road improvement scheme. The building of a transport interchange also represents the final phase of the delivery of the Gravesend Transport Quarter (GTQ) master plan which originates from 2005.

The decision is required to allow scheme development to progress including funding, statutory approvals, contract procurement and scheme construction delivery to be carried out.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 15 September 2020.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Initially the Gravesend Bus Hub scheme was to deliver a new interchange provision in Barrack Row for local buses using the Local Growth Funding only. The proposed scheme includes Garrick Street and improvements to the existing Fastrack interchange utilising underspend from the completed

Rathmore Road scheme and a contribution from the Fastrack programme. The enlarged scheme will provide additional benefit and overall cost savings by delivering the two elements at one time through a single procurement exercise

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

Proper Officer:

None

Signed:



Date: 18 September 2020