

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Roger Gough

Leader of the Council

DECISION NO:

20/00086

For publication Yes

Key decision*

Yes

Subject: Investment of Getting Building Funding in third-party projects

Decision:

As Leader of the Council I agree to:

Agree that the Getting Building Funding (GBF) will be used to support the third-party projects that the South East Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Board prioritised to receive GBF at its board meeting on 16 July 2020.

Act as the accountable body for third-party projects within Kent's geographical boundaries that are selected by the SELEP to receive GBF grant funding.

Delegate to the Section 151 Officer the authority to sign on KCC's behalf a grant agreement or equivalent, where this is required to draw down funds following business case approval.

Reason(s) for decision:

Getting Building Funding was announced by Government on 10th June 2020. The funding is part of the Government's plan to deliver upgrades to local infrastructure and boost skills and help fuel a green economic recovery by investing in shovel-ready housing and infrastructure projects, creating jobs and supporting economic recovery.

This key decision is required to enable grant agreements to be entered into so that additional Government funding may be secured for these projects. Due to the terms and conditions of the Government's Getting Building Fund, this funding can only be spent on these specific projects.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered and endorsed by the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 25 September 2020.

Any alternatives considered:

If Kent County Council were to choose to not enter into a grant agreement for the GBF projects selected by the SELEP Strategic Board, the GBF funding could be either (i) retained by central government or (ii) reallocated to other projects by the SELEP Strategic Board.

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

None

Signed: 

Date: 6 October 2020

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