

Publication of Decisions taken by ECC Officers

11 August 2016

The Council is required to publish most decisions taken by officers on its website.

Executive Director Decisions

Non-key decisions with financial implications with a value of between £500,000 and £2m can only be taken by an Executive Director. They must consider a written report with legal and financial advice and they must consult the Cabinet Member before taking a decision. The report and decision has to be published on the Council's website. The report must be on the Council's standard report template and needs legal and financial approval.

Other Officer Decisions

Non-key Decisions with financial implications of less than £500,000 can be taken by an Executive Director. Executive Directors have authorised other officers to take decisions with a value of under £500,000. These delegations are set out in a list maintained by the Monitoring Officer. Decisions must be published.

Accordingly, each function needs have in place appropriate arrangements for the recording of officer decisions made in their areas. This is a significant task so to make matters more manageable we have agreed a set of parameters to help officers decide which decisions will need to be captured by these rules. There are no exemptions in law but these rules are designed to help officers implement what would otherwise be an even more burdensome task. Accordingly, a record will need to be kept of the following decisions as a minimum:

1. A decision relating to expenditure above £50k in aggregate in either revenue or capital.
2. A decision to make a statutory order or issue a statutory notice.
3. A decision to enter into a contract or legal agreement.
4. A non-key decision to close or significantly reduce levels of service at a public facing service or facility.
5. A decision to open a new service or facility or to significantly increase the level of service offered.

6. A decision to go out to tender for a particular service, product or set of works or to award a contract therefor or to terminate a contract.
7. A decision to enter into any type of agreement relating to land or buildings such as a license, lease or easement or to enter any land or building on any sort of register which might affect its use or value.
8. A decision to issue legal proceedings or decide a court settlement.

The record must be kept in the following form set out in the Appendix (below).

The record should be kept by each Executive Support Officer on behalf of their Executive Director's function and should include decisions made by officers within the function including Directors, Heads of Service and other Managers.

The record itself should be sent to Democratic Services periodically so they can be loaded onto the Council's website. The record(s) should be sent to:

Executive.Decisions@essex.gov.uk

This is the only corporate requirement for recording decisions taken by officers below £500k. There is no corporate requirement for a detailed report for these decisions. However, if the decision is controversial or sensitive then it would be good practice to record the decision and the reasons behind it in more detail.

If there are any conflicts of interest, as required by the form, please consult with the Monitoring Officer.

You do not need to include the following types of decision:

1. Administrative, operational and day-to-day matters.
2. Decisions on individual care packages, where services are being selected from an existing contract or framework.
3. Decisions relating to staffing.
4. Decisions relating to planning consents or licenses granted under licensing legislation where these are published elsewhere.

List of Decisions taken by Officers in South East Local Enterprise Partnership, hosted by Essex County Council

To be kept by every Executive Support Officer on behalf of each function. Decisions taken with a value of over £500,000 do not have to be listed here as they can only be taken by an Executive Director and must be the subject of a published report.

Date	Decision taken	Reasons for decision <i>NB: If there is a report which sets out the reasons then please refer to the report i.e. date, title, author</i>	Options considered <i>NB: If there is a report which sets out the reasons then please refer to the report i.e. date, title, author</i>	Any conflict of interests and details of any dispensation granted
5 th July 2018	Managing Director decision to award £161,000 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to Medway Council to support the delivery of the North Kent Enterprise Zone project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled: 'To Agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocations' in respect of the North Kent Enterprise Zone project. Report dated: 25 th April 2018 Report Author: Rhiannon Mort Report published here .	See supporting report	None
6 th December 2018	Managing Director decision to award £110,000 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to Essex County Council to support the delivery of the Future Proof project, following endorsement	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Funding Grant Allocations to the Future Proof Project'. Report dated: 25 th October	See supporting report	None

	by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	2018 Report Author: Rhiannon Mort Report published here		
6 th December 2018	Managing Director decision to award £60,400 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to Kent County Council to support the delivery of the Good Food Growth Campaign Project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Funding Grant Allocations to the Good Food Growth Campaign' project. Report dated: 24 th October 2018 Report Author – Rhiannon Mort Report published here	See supporting report	None
6 th December 2018	Managing Director decision to award £60,000 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to the Gourmet Garden Trails Project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Funding Grant Allocation to Gourmet Garden Trails' project. Report dated: 10 th October 2018 Report Author: Rhiannon Mort Report published here	See supporting report	None
12 th December	Managing Director decision to award £156,000 Growing Places	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Funding	See supporting report	None

2018	Fund Revenue Grant to Maidstone Borough Council to support the delivery of the Kent Medical Campus Innovation Centre Design Costs project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	Grant Allocations to Maidstone Enterprise Zone Innovation Centre Design Costs' project. Report dated: 25 th October 2018 Report Author: Rhiannon Mort Report published here		
6 th December 2018	Managing Director decision to award £96,000 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to East Sussex County Council to support the delivery of the Planning and prioritising future skills, training and business support needs for the rural businesses of SELEP project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Funding Grant Allocations for the project titles "Planning and prioritising future skills, training and business support needs for rural businesses across SELEP"'. Report dated: 22 nd October 2018 Report Author: Rhiannon Mort Report published here	See supporting report	None
4 th April 2019	Chief Executive Officer decision to award £40,000 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to East Sussex County Council to support the delivery of the	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocation to the Coastal Communities Supplement to the SELEP	See supporting report	None

	Coastal Communities Supplement to the SELEP Strategic Economic Plan project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	Strategic Economic Plan project'. Report dated: 7 th January 2019 Report Author: Helen Dyer Report published here		
4 th April 2019	Chief Executive Officer decision to award £166,600 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to Essex County Council to support the delivery of the Delivering Skills of the Future Through Teaching: Teaching for Growth project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocation to the Delivering Skills of the Future Through Teaching: Teaching for Growth Project'. Report dated: 7 th January 2019 Report Author: Helen Dyer Report published here	See supporting report	None
20 th May 2019	Chief Executive Officer decision to award £49,600 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to Essex County Council to support the delivery of the Creative Open Workspace project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled: 'To agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocation to the Creative Open Workspace project'. Report dated: 8 th April 2019 Report Author: Helen Dyer	See supporting report	None

		Report published here		
22 nd May 2019	Chief Executive Officer decision to approve the one year extension of the ITE contract for services in 2019/20 held with Steer Davis Gleave Ltd (Steer), at a maximum cost of £100,000.	See report titled "To Agree the Independent Technical Evaluator one year contract extension for services in 2019/20" Report dated: 8 th April 2019 Report author: Rhiannon Mort	See supporting report	None
18 th September 2019	Chief Executive Officer decision to award £150,000 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to Kent County Council to support the delivery of the England's Creative Coast project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled "To Agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocation to the England's Creative Coast project (formerly known as the Culture Coasting project)" Report dated: 16 th August 2019 Report author: Helen Dyer Report published here .	See supporting report	None

10 th December 2019	Chief Executive Officer decision to award £129,500 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to Kent County Council to support the delivery of the Energy and Clean Growth – Supply Chain Mapping project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.	See report titled “To Agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocation to the Energy and Clean Growth – Supply Chain Mapping project” Report dated: 21 st October 2019 Report author: Helen Dyer Report published here .	See supporting report	None
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<p>6th February 2020</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer decision to award £115,000 Growing Places Fund Revenue Grant to East Sussex County Council to support the delivery of the Accelerating Opportunities within the Newhaven Enterprise Zone project, following endorsement by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board.</p>	<p>See report titled "To Agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocation to the Accelerating Opportunities within the Newhaven Enterprise Zone project"</p> <p>Report dated: 16th December 2019</p> <p>Report author: Helen Dyer</p> <p>Report published here.</p>	<p>See supporting report</p>	<p>None</p>
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<p>August 2020</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer Decision to extend the existing goods and services agreement with FE Sussex for the Delivering Skills for the Future Project, awarding £76,000 through the Sector Support Fund.</p>	<p>The existing Goods and Services Agreement expired on 1/08/2020. Therefore, this sets out the payment arrangements and timetable for the extension period, further to funding being confirmed.</p> <p>Link to report</p>	<p>See supporting report.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>August 2020</p>	<p>Chief Operating Officer decision to award £10K revenue grant to the Good Things Foundation for the provision of digital kit to support most disadvantaged and digitally disconnected to get online</p>	<p>Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the disadvantages that those not digitally connected have when trying to access the jobs market – the GTF was already working with partners across the regions and nationally to address – additional contribution from SELEP funded by the Digital Skills Partnership grant would create additional opportunity in the SE region</p>	<p>Given the activity and ability of the GTF and the recommendation of Digital Skills Partnership of the scheme an alternative approach wasn't possible in the time available</p>	<p>None</p>

January 2021	Chief Executive Officer Decision awarded £15,000 to enter into a contract for services with Blueberry Marketing Solutions Limited to deliver an EU transition telephone campaign through the Growth Hub.	The GLA, ECC and HCC are seeking a service provider to deliver an EU transition telephone campaign (through their respective “Growth Hubs”) to raise awareness and sign-post businesses (in particular small and medium enterprises) to relevant and timely information to help them prepare to keep operating beyond the EU transition period which ends on 31st December 2020 Link to report	See supporting report.	None
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