**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 bepublished.

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 serviceoffered.
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](mailto:Executive.Decisions@essex.gov.uk)

This is the only corporate requirement for recording decisions taken by officers below £500k. There is no corporate requireme nt 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 moredetail.

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**  *NB: If there is a report which sets out the reasons then please refer to the report i.e. date, title,*  *author* | **Options considered**  *NB: If there is a report which sets out the reasons then please refer to the report i.e. date, title, author* | **Any conflict of interests and details of any dispensation granted** |
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| 5th 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: 25th April 2018  Report Author: Rhiannon Mort  Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/07/North-Kent-Enterprise-Zone-Decision-Report-Approved.pdf). | See supporting report | None |
| 6th 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: 25th October | See supporting report | None |

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|  | by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board. | 2018  Report Author: Rhiannon Mort |  |  |
|  | Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/12/Future-Proof-SSF-Decision-report.pdf) |
| 6th 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: 24th October 2018 | See supporting report | None |
|  |  | Report Author – Rhiannon Mort |  |  |
|  |  | Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/12/Good-Food-Growth-Campaign-SSF-Decision-report.pdf) |  |  |
| 6th 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: 10th October 2018 | See supporting report | None |
|  |  | Report Author: Rhiannon Mort |  |  |
|  |  | Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/12/Gourmet-Garden-Trails-SSF-Decision-Report.pdf) |  |  |
| 12th December | Managing Director decision to award £156,000 Growing Places | See report titled: ‘To agree Sector Support Funding | See supporting report | None |

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| 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: 25th October 2018  Report Author: Rhiannon Mort  Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/12/Kent-Medical-Campus-SSF-Decision-report.pdf) |  |  |
| 6th 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: 22nd October 2018 | See supporting report | None |
|  |  | Report Author: Rhiannon Mort |  |  |
|  |  | Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/12/Future-skills-for-Rural-Businesses-SSF-Decision-report.pdf) |  |  |
| 4th 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 |

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|  | 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: 7th January 2019  Report Author: Helen Dyer Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/12/SSF-Decision-Report-Coastal-Communities-Supplement-to-the-SELEP-Strategic-Economic-Plan.pdf) |  |  |
| 4th 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: 7th January 2019 | See supporting report | None |
|  |  | Report Author: Helen Dyer |  |  |
|  |  | Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/12/SSF-Decision-Report-Delivering-skills-of-the-future-through-teaching.pdf) |  |  |
| 20th 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: 8th April 2019 | See supporting report | None |
|  |  | Report Author: Helen Dyer |  |  |

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|  |  | Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/04/SSF-Decision-Report-SECEN-Creative-Open-Workspace.pdf) |  |  |
| 22nd 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: 8th April 2019  Report author: Rhiannon Mort | See supporting report | None |
| 18th 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: 16th August 2019  Report author: Helen Dyer Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/09/SSF-Decision-Report-Englands-Creative-Coast.pdf). | See supporting report | None |

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| 10th 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: 21st October 2019  Report author: Helen Dyer Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/12/SSF-Decision-Report-Clean-Growth.pdf). | See supporting report | None |

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| 6th February 2020 | 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. | See report titled “To Agree Sector Support Fund Grant Allocation to the Accelerating Opportunities within the Newhaven Enterprise Zone project”  Report dated: 16th December 2019  Report author: Helen Dyer Report published [here](https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2020/02/SSF-Decision-Report-Newhaven-Enterprise-Zone.pdf). | See supporting report | None |

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| August 2020 | 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. | 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. | Further to the successful delivery of the Delivering Skills for the Future Project, an application for extension was approved by the South East LEP Board to provide  £76,000 through its Sector Support Fund. This enables a further year of delivery by FE Sussex. A Notice of option to extend contract was sent on 24th August confirming the extension to July 2021. The total application was for  £126,000 with match funding of £50,000 being provided. | None |
| January 2020 | 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 | See supporting report. | None |