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Innovation Park Medway Local Development Order - Request to Consult

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: On 5 March 2019, the Cabinet considered a report which provided details of the draft Innovation Park Medway Local Development Order (LDO), for the purposes of consultation, which built upon the Innovation Park Medway Masterplan to set principles for development to allow developers and businesses to bring forward high quality development in the high-value technology, engineering, manufacturing and knowledge-intensive sectors.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holders for Inward Investment, Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships and Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation to finalise and approve the Environmental Statement prior to public consultation, as set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report, in the interest of satisfying Environmental Impact Assessment requirements (decision no. 40/2019 refers).

The Cabinet also agreed to delegate authority to the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holders for Inward Investment, Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships and Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation to approve any necessary minor amendments to the draft LDO prior to public consultation for the purposes of presentation and improving clarity (decision no. 41/2019 refers).

The report may be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?IId=24322&Opt=3>

Decision: In accordance with the Cabinet decisions, the Environmental Statement has been finalised and the final consultation documents approved for publication, they may be found here:

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200177/regeneration/738/innovation_park_medway/3

Reasons for Decision: Public consultation on the LDO is necessary in order to adopt the LDO, allowing high quality development to come forward at Innovation Park Medway.

Date of Decision: 10 June 2019

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Details of any other options considered and rejected:

1. Approve the Environmental Statement for public consultation
2. Defer the sign-off of the Environmental Statement to Cabinet and delay consultation
3. Reject the Environmental Statement and request further work is undertaken in advance of public consultation.

Conflicts of Interest: None