



To: Committee & Elections Manager

Statement of individual Cabinet Member's decision

Name of Cabinet Member John Burden

Portfolio Leader of the Executive

Delegation authority (usually the delegated powers in annex 1.6 and 1.7) Chief Executive and Assistant Director of Finance

Cabinet decision date 6 October 2014 Minute No 25 Business Rates Retention Scheme - Pooling or

Declaration of Interests (if any)

Of the Cabinet Member making the decision

N/A

Of any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision

N/A

Topic Business Rates Retention Scheme - Pooling

Decision To enter into a pool arrangement with Kent County Council, Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority, Ashford BC, Canterbury City Council, Dover DC, Maidstone BC (Administering Authority), Shepway DC, Swale BC, Tonbridge and Malling BC, Tunbridge Wells BC and Thanet DC.

Reasons for the decision

After careful consideration and financial evaluation the Leader of the Executive, Chief Executive and Assistant Director Finance have agreed to enter into a pool arrangement with Kent County Council, Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority, Ashford BC, Canterbury City Council, Dover DC, Maidstone BC (Administering Authority), Shepway DC, Swale BC, Tonbridge and Malling BC, Tunbridge Wells BC and Thanet DC as this will enhance financial resilience for each of the pool members and to promote further economic growth within the district based pool area.

Other options considered (if any) To remain outside a pool and retain business rate income at the baseline level.

I confirm that this decision is:

Please mark/tick

- In accordance with the council's Policy Framework
- Within the council's approved budget
- In compliance with the council's contract procedure rules
- In compliance with the council's financial procedure rules
- In accordance with the protocol for Cabinet member decisions

Background papers used (if any) _____

Signature
(countersigned
by Executive
Leader if a Key
Decision)



Date: _____

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All decisions must be made in accordance with the decision-making rules laid down in the constitution and must be in compliance with the policy framework, the approved budget, contract procedure rules and financial procedure rules.

The allocations of areas of responsibility to Lead Members and their delegated powers are laid out in annex 1.6 and 1.7 and may only be exercised accordingly. The Executive Leader is entitled to change the allocation of portfolios to Lead Members at any time.

In addition to the above, further delegations may be made from time to time.

Key decisions may not be made by individual Cabinet Members other than the Executive Leader. In the case of a Key Decision recommended by a Cabinet Member, the Executive Leader's countersignature will be required in order to effect the decision.

The Chief Executive was given delegated authority to respond to consultation documents on behalf of the Cabinet in consultation with the appropriate portfolio holder at the Cabinet meeting on 7 March 2011.

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.