

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 July 2012

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 8600)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	COMMUNITIES
SUBJECT:	BUILDING EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARITIME SKILLS
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THE DECISION

- (i) To delegate authority to the Director, Environment and Economy, following consultation with the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, to enter into a legal agreement with the Managing Authority of the EU Interreg France (Channel) England Programme to deliver the BEEMS project.
- (ii) To accept, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, the ERDF grant of £830,955 (€1,332,513) from the European Regional Development Fund and £747,017 from BEEMS partners contributions on behalf of the BEEMS Partnership and act as Accountable Body.
- (iii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, revenue expenditure of £1,661,910 (€2,665,027) for the BEEMS project.
- (iv) To delegate authority to the Director, Environment and Economy, in consultation with the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, to undertake such actions necessary to enable the successful delivery of the BEEMS project and support the proposals in this report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. As skills gaps hinder economic growth, BEEMS will add value to the strategic drive for a more competitive and sustainable low-carbon regional economy. It will afford the marine renewable energy industry and supply chains operating in the Solent offshore wind development zone additional competitive advantage and build stronger communities by ensuring local people are skilled and ready for work.
2. Priority action includes the preparation of a cross border employment strategy and skills plan with dedicated education, training and apprenticeship pathways to maximise flexible workforce development, support local people with low level skills into work and meet the future needs of sector employers.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. To not accept the ERDF grant on behalf of the BEEMS Partnership would result in the cancelation of the project and the loss of external funding to promote the growth of green skills and renewable technology in the sub-region, and with partners.
2. To not accept to act as the Accountable Body nor enter into a legal agreement with the EU Interreg France (Channel) England Programme by the due date would result in a delay in the commencement of the project.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:
17 July 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Sandra Coltman

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>) (<i>this suspends implementation</i>)
Call-in Procedure completed (<i>if applicable</i>)
Call-in heard by (<i>if applicable</i>)
Results of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>)