

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

Decision Made: 24 December 2010

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR KENT 2011-16

Issue for Decision

To consider the Council's response to the Consultation Draft of the Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011-16.

Decision Made

That the Council responds in the form of a letter as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Assistant Director of Regeneration & Cultural Services of this report.

Reasons for Decision

The consultation draft of Kent's Third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) sets out the County Council's current priorities for Local Transport Investment for the period 2011-2016 so as to receive views on their priorities.

The draft document does not contain a detailed implementation plan because of the uncertainty of funding for local transport investment. It however sets out the County's priorities under five themes which are:-

- Growth without gridlock
- A safer healthier county
- Supporting independence
- Tackling a changing climate
- Enjoying life in Kent

The document is in twelve chapters and explains why transport is important to Kent and identifies the existing problems. It sets out the County's aims and objectives and how these have influenced the development of the strategy which is set out in detail under the five themes. It also identifies possible funding sources and possible indicators.

The County Council is seeking comments by the 31st December 2010 – at which point the future direction of the LDF Core Strategy and requirements of the LTP3 programme will not yet be clear. Holding comments are suggested so that details of the emerging LDF can be fed into the LTP3 document before it is finalized by the end of March 2011.

The comments at Appendix A of the Report of the Assistant Director of Regeneration & Cultural Services set out the key transport issues facing

Maidstone, and the Borough's objectives, and then go on to comment on the structure of the report, the general themes and the Maidstone specific issues.

Alternatives considered and why rejected

The Council could take the decision not to comment on the draft document, but to do so would miss the opportunity to assist in shaping the County Council's priorities.

Background Papers

Consultation Draft of the Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011-2016

<p>Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Head of Change and Scrutiny by: 06 January 2011</p>
