

Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee

10/09/19

External Board/Outside Body

External Board/Outside Body	Maidstone Quality Bus Partnership
Councillor(s) represented on the Outside Body/External Board	D C Burton
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Date of External Board/Outside Body Meeting Attended	30/07/19

Purpose of the External Board/Outside Body:

Liaison forum for KCC, MBC and bus operators.

Update:

Full Minutes are yet to be published.

Some key points: -

- The meeting covered the usual routine review items which included bus operation KPIs. It was noted that the national trend for bus usage continuing to decline 3% year on year. Locally to some extent this is reflected. The trend is masked particularly by the introduction of new services e.g. Twilight ticketing, however, the underlying trend is downwards.
- Of particular concern was the lack of known engagement with bus operators to utilise S106 bus encouragement measures, as was a lack of engagement concerning bus service provision to the three new schools to Vinters and the Medical Campus.