

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SCRAIP)

Committee: Regeneration & Economic Development

Meeting Date: 27 September 2011

Minute No: 64

Topic: Traffic Congestion Review

Recommendationⁱ	Chief Officer / Cabinet Memberⁱⁱ	Responseⁱⁱⁱ	Timetable^{iv}	Lead Officer^v
The Traffic Congestion review recommends that the Transport User Group be reinstated;	O&S	Agreed – ongoing as part of the review	Nov 2011	O&S Officer
The MBC parking team provide stronger parking enforcement in Palace Avenue, Lower and Upper Stone Street and around schools during peak times; **	Jeff Kitson	Agreed - Palace Avenue, Lower and Upper Stone Street increased Civil Enforcement patrol awareness to traffic flow problems. Resources are required around most schools during peak times and therefore enforcement resources are rotated accordingly to reduce parking problems.	With immediate effect.	Jeff Kitson
Arriva and Nu-Venture bus drivers and posters should assist passengers with detailing the route to inform passengers of other alternative bus routes	Robert Patterson / Norman Kemp	Arriva will work with Kent County Council to develop the real-time system to further inform passengers using the Real-time system.	No timetable at present as the real-time system will need development to enable this to happen. Talks will need to take place with Kent County Council over	Robert Patterson

			this ongoing.	
The Committee supports the 'real time' digital updates currently provided in the bus stops show delays in the future;	O&S	Agreed – ongoing as part of the review	Nov 2011	O&S Officer
The Cabinet Member be informed of the previous proposal of a new bus station adjacent to Maidstone East Train Station in his next meeting;	O&S	This was discussed at the Joint Transportation Meeting on 5 Oct 2011. An email from Paul Lulham, KCC Transportation Planner confirmed that this site was proposed but is not financially viable by KCC and Arriva. Email was circulated to Members 11/10/11.	5/10/11	O&S Officer
The Overview and Scrutiny Officer circulates further information to Arriva, Nu-Venture and Streamline on how to make representation on the Core Strategy, Transport Strategy and the Area Action Plan as part of the consultation currently underway;	Christina Chemsí	Emailed Arriva, Nu-Venture and Streamline 4/10/11 with both details of Core Strategy and how to make representation, and info regarding planning weekly list.	4/10/11	Christina Chemsí
Both Arriva and Nu-Venture encourage their drivers that hazard lights be used to indicate to other road users that the buses have stopped on Earl Street to use the nearest toilet facilities; and	Robert Patterson / Norman Kemp	Arriva agree to this.	Immediately	
Mr Kemp be asked to pass the contact details to the Overview and Scrutiny Officer with regards to the Hybrid buses at Rochester.	Norman Kemp			

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Extract from Minutes:

Mr Johns informed the Committee that their main problem was the unpredictability of the gyratory system. With their 'Home to School' journeys between 7-9am and 2.30-5pm being their busiest periods, Streamline had noticed it was the same hotspots that ceased to move when under pressure. The hotspots were the White Rabbit roundabout, Palace Avenue, Lower and Upper Stone Street. It was suggested that traffic lights at the White Rabbit roundabout would aid the congestion. The Committee noted this, and suggested that stronger parking enforcement should be placed in the streets mentioned and popular school sites to discourage people temporarily parking on the highway.

Notes on the completion of SCRAIP

ⁱ Report recommendations are listed as found in the report.

ⁱⁱ Insert in this box the Cabinet Member whose portfolio the recommendation falls within.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Officer/Cabinet Member responsible for responding to the recommendation should indicate in this box either the acceptance or rejection of the recommendation.

If the recommendation is rejected an explanation for its rejection should be provided. The 'timetable' and 'lead officer' boxes can be left blank

If the recommendation is accepted an explanation of the action to be taken to implement the recommendation should be recorded in this box. Please also complete the 'timetable' and 'lead officer' boxes.

^{iv} The Officer/Cabinet Member responsible for responding to the recommendation should indicate in this box when the action in indicated in the previous box will be implemented.

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