

Scoping Template

<p>Name of Review:</p> <p>Transport in Maidstone Borough – alternatives to using a car</p>
<p>What are the objectives and desired outcomes of the review</p> <p>The review will initially be in three stages aimed at identifying how congestion in Maidstone town centre can be eased.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Stage 1 - Cycling and Walking (proposed date 22 July meeting):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify cycling/walking groups in the Borough • Establish what work has/is already been/being done regarding the promotion of walking and cycling to avoid duplication of effort • Identify and make recommendations on how MBC can work to increase the use of cycling and walking in the Borough <p>Stage 2 - Bus (16 and 30 September 2014):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve communication with the Quality Bus Partnership to enable Councillors to influence debate where they can • Identify bus user groups in the Borough to avoid duplication of effort • Identify existing bus service providers operating in the RSCs • Make recommendations how improvements can be made to bus service provision to the Rural Service Centres (RSC) <p>Stage 3 - Rail (11 November 2014):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify rail user groups in the Borough to avoid duplication of effort • Gain an insight into KCC and rail providers strategic plans for rail in the Borough • Establish MBC member links with KCC and rail service providers <p>Review of scope and objectives:</p> <p>After consideration of the evidence gathered under each area, the working group will recommend either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support what is already being worked on; • Continue with further evidence gathering with revised objectives; • Other – depending on what comes to light from evidence gathering. <p>Final Report and Recommendations:</p> <p>Final report to include all three areas and recommendations.</p>
<p>What equality issues will need to be considered as part of the review – giving consideration to the 9 protected characteristics:</p> <p>Ensuring access to all</p>
<p>Which witnesses are required?</p> <p>Cycling and Walking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Finch, Snr Public Rights of Way Officer, KCC • James Gower – @maidstoneonbike suggestion via Twitter (FWP) • Bartholomew Wren, Tunbridge Wells BC • Tay Arnold Cycling Transport Planner, KCC • Elliott Dean, Cycling enthusiast • Cllr Paul Harper (MBC) • Michael Murphy, Principal Planning Officer, MBC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Hapgood, Transport Planner, MBC <p>Rail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Peak, SouthEastern • Stephen Gasche <p>Bus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Bruce, KCC Highways • Shane Hymers - KCC • Norman Kemp, Nu-Venture • Matthew Arnold, Arriva • Mike Fitzgerald, East of Maidstone Bus Group
<p>Other ways to seek evidence? E.g. site visits, involving members of the public, consultation.</p> <p>To be agreed.</p>
<p>What information/training is needed?</p> <p>To be agreed.</p>
<p>Suggested time for review and report completion date</p> <p>To be agreed.</p> <p>The proposal is to split the review into three initially:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cycling and Walking – 22 July 2014 2. Bus – 16 and 30 September 2014 3. Rail – 11 November 2014
<p>How does the review link to council priorities?</p> <p>For Maidstone to have a growing economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A transport network that supports the local economy <p>For Maidstone to be a decent place to live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues to be a clear and attractive environment for people who live in and visit the Borough • Residents are not disadvantaged because of where they live or who they are, vulnerable people are assisted and the level of deprivation is reduced <p>Corporate and Customer Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services are customer focused and residents are satisfied with them • Effective, cost efficient services are delivered across the Borough
<p>How does this item deliver CfPS effective scrutiny principles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers • Enables the voice and concerns of the public • Is carried out by 'independent minded governors' who lead and own the scrutiny role • Drives improvement in public services
<p>Any co-optees or expert witnesses?</p>