



## **Joint Transportation Board Update**

**The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (POSC) met on 25 May 2010 and the following are the summaries of relevant reports discussed at the meeting.**

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### **Street Lighting Policy and Strategy 2010**

This report informs members of the development of a new policy and strategy for street lighting. Kent Highway Services (KHS) is looking to take this service to the forefront of highway lighting authorities in the country and these documents set out the way forward.

### **Policy for the Management of Obstructions and Temporary Items on the Highway**

This report seeks approval from the members of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to approve a policy for the control and licensing of temporary items on the highway, including Advertising Boards and Tables and Chairs. The Enforcement Team have reviewed the previous Street Furniture Policy document and recommend updating current working procedures and improve control of obstructions on the highway. The main focus of the policy is to allow safe movement for pedestrians, those with buggies and those who have reduced mobility. Enforcement of the policy will be a key point, to remove items causing danger and a process of warnings and charges, ending in removal and disposal where necessary of items not licensed or not complying with licensing requirements.

### **Cycle Kent 2010**

Cycling is a low cost form of transport that offers numerous benefits for the people of Kent. Investment in cycle infrastructure is extremely cost effective with a reported benefit to cost ratio of 20:1 compared to 3:1 for other transport schemes. Much has been done to meet the targets outlined in the Local Transport Plan for Kent 2006/11 (LTP). However, continued investment in a safe, high quality cycle network, training and promotion is required to significantly increase the number of people choosing to cycle on a regular basis. Cycle Kent 2010 brings together a new strategic approach with support from national and local stakeholders to ensure that we achieve a well planned network that is popular, safe and convenient to use.

### **Passenger Rail Services**

This report updates Members on passenger rail services following the extensive timetable changes in December 2009

**The Transportation and Safety Package Programme 2010/11**

This report is to inform members of new schemes proposed for the 2010/11 Transportation and Safety Package Programme to be recommended for approval by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste.

**Future Highways – Procurement Update**

This report provides an update for members of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the procurement of the Highways operational and maintenance contract.