

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

12 March 2012

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Summary

This report brings together a range of currently important transportation matters in the Borough.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 I recently reported to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board a comprehensive overview of transportation issues currently within the Borough Council's focus. Many of the matters discussed within the report involve a common approach between the County and Borough Council in one way or another and are reported in more detail in other papers to this Board but for completeness it seems appropriate to bring this report to your attention.

1.1.2 The report is reproduced in its entirety at **Annex 1**.

1.1.3 One item which merits a brief update is the Mayor of London's proposal that responsibility for London's inner-suburban rail services should be devolved to the Mayoralty from 2014. Clearly such a change; particularly at the point when the current operating franchise comes to an end, could have significant impact on rail services for residents of this borough and elsewhere in Kent. We are likely to see more "stopping" services within the London suburbs with inevitably slower journeys for Kent commuters. I also have concerns about further congestion and the potential for an increased fare structure allied to the current Transport for London arrangements.

1.1.4 The Planning and Transportation Advisory Board requested that Leader and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation write to Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, expressing our deep concerns. This letter is reproduced at **Annex 2**.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 Nil.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 No direct considerations.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Not applicable.

Background papers:

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Nil

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