

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

11 June 2012

### Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters For Information

### 1 BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION

#### 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 **Annexes 1 to 4**.

1.1.3 There are several items which merit brief updates.

- A positive response was received (**Annex 5**) from the Minister of State The Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP to the Rail Manifesto submission. Clearly the Manifesto has been appreciated and will be treated as one of the responses to the imminent consultation for the replacement Integrated Kent Franchise. There will still be an opportunity to provide further comments once the consultation begins shortly.
- The Secretary of State for Transport has advised that rail services on the Maidstone East and other Kent lines should **not** call additionally at Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill in South London. These additional stops were called for by Transport for London and London TravelWatch following the planned withdrawal of the South London line service from December 2012.
- The Roads Minister, Mike Penning has now authorised planning work to recommence for the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury widening scheme. This will necessitate a Public Inquiry but will make the scheme a priority for

construction in the next Comprehensive Spending Review starting in April 2015.

**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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