

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

2 December 2013

Joint Report of the Director of Highways and Transportation and the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Part 1- Public

Matter for Recommendation to Borough Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING CYCLING STRATEGY

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Tonbridge and Malling Cycling Strategy has been prepared by officers from Kent County Council (KCC), working in partnership with colleagues from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (TMBC), the sustainable transport charity Sustrans and local cyclists. At the last meeting of the Joint Transportation Board, Members noted a report summarising the results of the public consultation exercise on the draft strategy, which was held between 20 May and 30 June 2013.

1.2 Final Strategy

1.2.1 The responses received to the public consultation and the subsequent feedback from the JTB has provided a valuable basis on which to review the draft strategy and to prepare a revised and final version of the document for consideration by the Board. The final version is replicated in full at **[Annex 1]**.

1.2.2 At the last meeting of the Board, it was requested that a detailed breakdown of consultees' comments and officer responses be provided. This report is provided at **[Annex 2]**.

1.2.3 It is important to reiterate that whilst the strategy includes detailed recommendations for each area of the Borough, these proposals are indicative only and their implementation will be dependent upon securing the necessary funding and completing satisfactory detailed design and public consultation exercises at the appropriate stage. Officers are currently exploring potential funding opportunities arising from the Government's new Single Local Growth Fund.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 None.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 None at this stage.

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 Not required.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

1.6.1 Attached at **[Annex 3]**.

1.7 Recommendations

1.7.1 That the Tonbridge and Malling Cycling Strategy be **ENDORSED** and the County Council be invited to present the Cycling Strategy to the Borough Council for adoption by the Council as material consideration for the purposes of Development Control.

The Director of (Kent) Highways and Transportation and Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

Nil

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