

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PLANNING and TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**17 November 2010**

**Report of the Director of Planning Transport and Leisure  
and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation**

**Part 1- Public**

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

**1 CONSULTATION ON LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR KENT 2011-16**

**Summary**

**The Board is invited to comment on and endorse a response to the current consultation being carried out by the County Council on its draft Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011-16.**

**1.1 Introduction**

1.1.1 The County Council is currently carrying out a consultation on its draft Local Transport Plan for Kent for the period 2011-16.

1.1.2 **Annex 1** contains a draft response that we are recommending be the Council's formal submission to the consultation, subject to any observation that the Board may wish to see incorporated in it.

**1.2 Questionnaire**

1.2.1 A questionnaire accompanies the consultation draft and a suggested response is attached at **Annex 2**. In the body of the text of the letter responding to the consultation, the 'constrained' and leading nature of this questionnaire is challenged and priority is requested for the main reply.

**1.3 Draft Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011/16 (LTP)**

1.3.1 We have placed a copy of the draft LTP in the Members' Library for reference. It can be accessed directly on the County Council's website at the following link:-

<https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/roads-and-transport/road-policies/local-transport-plan-3/ltp-3-oct-10.pdf>

**1.4 Legal Implications**

1.4.1 None directly.

## **1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.5.1 None directly on the Borough Council.

## **1.6 Risk Assessment**

1.6.1 There is a risk of little to no transport investment from the LTP in this Borough over the next five years if the contents of the consultation draft are translated into the final version of the LTP.

## **1.7 Equality Impact Assessment**

1.7.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

## **1.8 Policy Considerations**

1.8.1 Community – the draft response reflects the key role of the Borough Council in representing and advocating on behalf of the local community.

## **1.9 Recommendations**

1.9.1 That the draft response, subject to the further views and observations of the Board, **BE ENDORSED** as the formal response by the Borough Council to the consultation on the Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011-16.

The Director of Planning Transport and Leisure confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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<b>Screening for equality impacts:</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
a. Has an equality impact assessment on the policy (to which the activity relates) already been carried out?	No	The decision is related to proposals by another organisation.
b. Is the decision in line with the policy?	No	
<b>Note:</b> <i>If the answer is 'no' to either of the above questions, then the activity must be 'screened' for equality impacts using the questions below.</i>		
c. Does the activity have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The distribution of funding for transportation improvement is likely to unevenly distributed across the county, if the prioritisation system favoured by the Plan is implemented.
d. Does the activity make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	The response recommended in the report is aimed at securing a more equitable distribution of future transportation funding for the Borough.
<b>Note:</b> <i>If the answer is 'yes' to any of the above questions, then a full equality impact assessment is required.</i>		