

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Monday, 11th March, 2019

Present: Mr M Payne (Chairman), Cllr H S Rogers (Vice-Chairman), Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr R D Lancaster, Cllr D Lettington, Cllr M Parry-Waller, Cllr M Taylor, Mrs T Dean, Mr R Long and Mr H Rayner

Councillors O C Baldock, R P Betts, V M C Branson, M A Coffin, D J Cure, T Edmondston-Low, Mrs S L Luck, N J Heslop, B J Luker, P J Montague and T B Shaw were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Mr M Balfour and Mrs S Hohler

Mrs W Palmer of the Kent Association of Local Councils and Ms C Bridger of Kings Hill Parish Council were also present.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

JTB 19/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct. However, in the interests of transparency and with regard to the report on the Parking Action Plan, County Councillor Mrs Dean advised that she was a resident of Offham Road, West Malling.

JTB 19/2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 26 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOROUGH CABINET

JTB 19/3 PARKING ACTION PLAN

Decision Notice D190031MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services set out details of the content of Phase 11 of the Parking Action Plan, highlighted the outcome of consultations on Access Driven Amendments and provided an update on the ongoing Parking Reviews at Kings Hill, Hadlow and Hildenborough. Details of the locations included in Phase 11 were set out in Annex 1 to the report while

Annexes 2 and 3 provided details of schemes held on a 'holding list' of sites which could be considered in future phases of the Parking Action Plan. A number of Members expressed concern about the enforcement of parking restrictions and asked that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Board regarding the scope of cover across the Borough.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the list of locations identified in Annex 1 to the report be taken forward for investigation and informal consultation as Phase 11 of the Parking Action Plan; and
- (2) the list of locations identified in Annex 2 to the report be held on a list for the next cycle of the Phased Parking Action Plan.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

JTB 19/4 HIGHWAY WORKS PROGRAMME 2018/19

The report of KCC Highways and Transportation provided an update on the footway and carriageway improvement schemes, drainage repairs and improvements, street lighting, transportation and safety schemes, Developer Funded Works (Section 278 and 106 works), bridge works and traffic systems. In addition the report provided details of the current County Member funded schemes within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

JTB 19/5 PROGRESS REPORT - TONBRIDGE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Principal Transport Planner, KCC, provided a verbal update on progress with the Tonbridge Interchange Improvements Project. An explanation of the technology behind 'Puffin' crossings was given and particular reference was made to the installation of 'yellow box' markings at the junction with Waterloo Road to deter drivers from entering without a clear exit. The Chairman presented a number of photographs showing the new road layout and puffin crossings at Tonbridge Station and the proposals to improve traffic flow past bus stop G in the High Street which illustrated a number of concerns raised by residents and local Members. In response to these concerns the Principal Transport Manager offered to investigate the visibility of traffic/crossing lights for road users and pedestrians, the possibility of adding audible signals to the puffin crossings and the 'timing/phasing' of both the traffic and pedestrian crossing lights. Members asked that a report be submitted to the meeting of the Board to be held on 10 June 2019.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

JTB 19/6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm