

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Monday, 8th June, 2020

Present: Mr M Balfour (Chairman), Cllr D Lettington (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R P Betts, Cllr V M C Branson, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr N G Stapleton, Cllr M Taylor, Mrs T Dean, Mrs S Hohler, Mr R Long, Mr M Payne and Mr H Rayner

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, M D Boughton, M A Coffin, N J Heslop, M A J Hood, K King, J R S Lark, Mrs A S Oakley, M R Rhodes, H S Rogers, J L Sergison, T B Shaw and Mrs M Tatton were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21. Mrs W Palmer was also present on behalf of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)

PART 1 - PUBLIC

JTB 20/7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

JTB 20/8 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 9 March 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

JTB 20/9 PARKING ACTION PLAN - PHASE 12

Decision Notice D200037MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided details of 20 schemes to be taken forward for investigation and informal consultation under Phase 12 (20/21) of the Parking Action Plan. Details of the schemes were set out in Annex 1 to the report while Annex 2 identified a list of locations to be considered in future phases of the Parking Action Plan. It was noted that the timescale for investigation and informal consultation on the schemes identified within Phase 12 would be influenced by the restrictions placed on the Parking Team by the Covid-19 emergency and current workload, which included a significant amount of work relating to the completion of Phase 11 works.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the list of locations identified in Annex 1 to the report be taken forward for investigation and informal consultation as Phase 12 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 20/10 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING HIGHWAYS WORK PROGRAMME**

The report of KCC Highways, Transportation and Waste summarised schemes programmed for delivery in 2019/20 and provided an update on the Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Schemes (Appendix A), Drainage Repairs and Improvements (Appendix B), Street Lighting (Appendix C), Transportation and Safety Schemes (Appendix D), Developer Funded Works (Appendix E), Bridge Works (Appendix F), Traffic Systems (Appendix G) and the Combined Member Grant programme (Appendix H).

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

JTB 20/11 URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman announced he had accepted an urgent item of information. In accordance with s100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he advised that he considered the matter to be urgent due to the need to provide advance warning of the imminent commencement of major works in High Street, Tonbridge and to provide clarity to the Government's recent announcement of the Covid-19 Emergency Active Travel Fund.

JTB 20/12 COVID-19 EMERGENCY

The Tonbridge and Malling Acting District Manager, Kent Highways Services, reported that, in order to benefit from reduced traffic movement during the Covid-19 emergency, Southern Gas Networks (SGN) would commence works in High Street, Tonbridge on 14 June and that it was anticipated that the works would be completed by 21 September 2020. He outlined arrangements for road closures, diversions and signage to reduce congestion and provided details of timescales for other schemes within Tonbridge which would be affected by the earlier than anticipated commencement of the SGN works.

With particular reference to Tonbridge, County Councillor M Payne provided an update on potential funding opportunities for traffic calming, cycle lanes and speed limit schemes across the County following the

Government's announcement of the Covid-19 Emergency Active Travel Fund. He advised that a broad set of criteria based on 5 themes (carriageway repurposing for cycling and pedestrians; safer journeys to school through variable speed limits on school streets; town-wide 20mph schemes; liveable neighbourhoods to encourage travel on foot; and recreational cycling and walking schemes) had informed the bid submitted by the 5 June deadline in respect of the first tranche of funding for trial schemes (£1.6M). He outlined the timescale and constraints on applications for the second tranche of funding and asked that all suggestions for specific improvement schemes be submitted to Kent Highways Services for further evaluation as soon as possible to meet the deadline of 31 July 2020.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

JTB 20/13 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.43 pm