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16 May 2025

To: <u>MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE, REGENERATION AND PROPERTY</u>

SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE (Copies to all Members of the Council)

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill on Tuesday, 27th May, 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Committee are required to attend in person. Other Members may attend in person or participate online via MS Teams.

Information on how to observe the meeting will be published on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

DAMIAN ROBERTS

Chief Executive

#### AGENDA

1. Guidance for the Conduct of Meetings

#### **PART 1 - PUBLIC**

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Notification of Substitute Members

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4. Declarations of interest

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Members are reminded of their obligation under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests in any matter(s) to be considered or being considered at the meeting. These are explained in the Code of Conduct on the Council's website at <a href="Code of conduct for members">Code of conduct for members — Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (tmbc.gov.uk)</a>.

Members in any doubt about such declarations are advised to contact Legal or Democratic Services in advance of the meeting.

5. Minutes

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To confirm as a correct record the Notes of the meeting of the Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee held on 25 February 2025

#### **Matters for Recommendation to the Cabinet**

6. Riverside Route Lighting Project, Tonbridge

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This report brings forward a List C Capital Plan Evaluation for the Riverside Route Lighting project between Town Lock and Vale Road, Tonbridge and seeks approval to move the project forward for construction later in this calendar year.

Due to its size the Stage 2 Lighting Feasibility Study (Annex 2) is published as a supplement.

#### **Matters submitted for Information**

7. Work Programme 2025/26

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The Work Programme setting out matters to be scrutinised during 2025/26 is attached for information. Members can suggest future items by liaising with the Chair of the Committee.

8. Urgent items

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

#### **Matters for consideration in Private**

#### 9. Exclusion of Press and Public

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The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information.

#### PART 2 - PRIVATE

#### **Matters for Recommendation to the Cabinet**

#### 10. Gibson Building West Future

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(Reasons: Part 2 - Private: LGA 1972 - Sch 12A Paragraph 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

This report sets out potential options for Gibson Building West at Kings Hill, as part of the Council's office accommodation consolidation project.

#### 11. Urgent items

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Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Cllr D Harman (Chair) Cllr M R Rhodes (Vice-Chair)

Cllr A G Bennison Cllr T Bishop Cllr P Boxall Cllr R I B Cannon Cllr L Chapman Cllr J Clokey Cllr W E Palmer Cllr B A Parry Cllr Stacey Pilgrim Cllr K B Tanner Cllr C J Williams

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- (3) Should you need this agenda or any of the reports in a different format, or have any other queries concerning the meeting, please contact Democratic Services on committee.services@tmbc.gov.uk in the first instance.

#### Attendance:

- Members of the Committee are required to attend in person and be present in the meeting room. Only these Members are able to move/ second or amend motions, and vote.
- Other Members of the Council can join via MS Teams and can take part in any discussion and ask questions, when invited to do so by the Chair, but cannot move/ second or amend motions or vote on any matters. Members participating remotely are reminded that this does not count towards their formal committee attendance.
- Occasionally, Members of the Committee are unable to attend in person and may join via MS Teams in the same way as other Members. However, they are unable to move/ second or amend motions or vote on any matters if they are not present in the meeting room. As with other Members joining via MS Teams, this does not count towards their formal committee attendance.
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Before formal proceedings start there will be a sound check of Members/Officers in the room. This is done as a roll call and confirms attendance of voting Members.

#### **Ground Rules:**

The meeting will operate under the following ground rules:

- Members in the Chamber should indicate to speak in the usual way and use the fixed microphones in front of them. These need to be switched on when speaking or comments will not be heard by those participating online. Please switch off microphones when not speaking.
- If there any technical issues the meeting will be adjourned to try and rectify them.

  If this is not possible there are a number of options that can be taken to enable the meeting to continue. These will be explained if it becomes necessary.

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- please request to speak using the 'chat or hand raised function';
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- please do not use the 'chat function' for other matters as comments can be seen
   by all;
- Members may wish to blur the background on their camera using the facility on Microsoft teams.
- Please avoid distractions and general chat if not addressing the meeting
- Please remember to turn off or silence mobile phones

#### Voting:

Voting may be undertaken by way of a roll call and each Member should verbally respond For, Against, Abstain. The vote will be noted and announced by the Democratic Services Officer.

Alternatively, votes may be taken by general affirmation if it seems that there is agreement amongst Members. The Chairman will announce the outcome of the vote for those participating and viewing online.



	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Chris Brown	Garry Bridge	Lee Athwal		Paul Hickmott
2	Roger Dalton	Trudy Dean	Kath Barton		
3	Dave Davis	Frani Hoskins	Steve Crisp		
4	Sarah Hudson	Roger Roud	Anna Cope		
5	James Lark	David Thornewell	Mark Hood		

May 2025

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## Agenda Item 4

Declarations of interest



#### TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### FINANCE, REGENERATION AND PROPERTY SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE

#### **MINUTES**

#### Tuesday, 25th February, 2025

#### Present:

Cllr D Harman (Chair), Cllr A Mehmet (Vice-Chair), Cllr L Athwal, Cllr T Bishop, Cllr P Boxall, Cllr C Brown, Cllr R I B Cannon, Cllr J Clokey, Cllr B A Parry, Cllr M R Rhodes and Cllr S A Hudson (substitute)

Cllrs Mrs S Bell\*, A G Bennison, R P Betts\*, M D Boughton\*, M A Coffin\*, D A S Davis\*, P M Hickmott and K B Tanner were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

(\*participated via MS Teams)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W E Palmer and C J Williams.

#### PART 1 - PUBLIC

#### FRP 25/1 NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Notification of substitute members were recorded as set out below:

Cllr S Hudson substitute for Cllr C Williams

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules 17.5 to 17.9 these Councillors had the same rights as the ordinary member of the committee for whom they were substituting.

#### FRP 25/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### FRP 25/3 MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the meeting of the Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee held on 19 November 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## FRP 25/4 OUTSIDE BODIES UPDATE - LOWER MEDWAY AND UPPER MEDWAY INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS

The report of the Clerks to the Lower and Upper Medway Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) provided an overview of the activities undertaken in relation to the Special Levey contribution from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. It outlined the key work areas including maintenance, flood risk management and biodiversity initiatives.

Both IDBs remained committed to effective land drainage and flood risk management across Tonbridge and Malling. Whilst the Special Levy funded a broad range of activities, the benefits contributed significantly to the boroughs' resilience.

The IDBs valued engagement with the Borough Council, welcomed constructive dialogue through its Board structure and appointed representatives, looked forward to continued collaboration through established governance channels and welcomed discussions on shared priorities.

Members sought clarification on how regularly routine inspections were carried out and the meaning of routine 'pioneering'. A response to these points would be sought from the IDBs and circulated to Members once received.

At the request of the Chair the report was attached as an Annex to the Minutes.

#### MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

#### FRP 25/5 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND 2025/26

Following an announcement by Government in December 2024, the report of the Chief Executive and Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property set out proposals for the allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for 2025/26.

Based on a total budget of £327,146, a proposal for a programme of activity in 2025/26 was outlined in Table 1 at 5.4 of the report. It aimed to take a balanced approach, aspiring to deliver under each of the three UKSPF priorities, whilst at the same time allocating funding towards the authority's own strategic priorities, such as Tonbridge Town Centre regeneration and Carbon Descent plans and delivering considerable tangible benefits to communities.

A background to each of the proposed projects in the programme was provided in 5.5 of the report. It was also noted that there were limited financial and value for money implications for the Borough Council as the proposal related to external funding. However, the use of UKSPF

funding to support corporate priorities had a positive impact on Borough Council budgets.

Members attention was drawn to the Rural England Prosperity Fund which had helped to support rural communities and businesses. At the current time the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) had not made any announcement on whether there would be another allocation of grant funding for 2025/26. However, it was proposed that if Rural England Prosperity Funding became available that it be used for further rounds of the West Kent Rural Grant Scheme.

Reference was made to the Riverside Walk Lighting Scheme plans and Members were advised that whilst s106 developer contributions would be used to fund the project, an allocation of UKSPF funding would strengthen the available funding. It was also indicated that alternative funding streams would be explored for projects once the UKSPF funding stopped.

Finally, it was indicated that due to high demand consideration was being given to purchasing a second thermal imaging camera for leasing to residents using the Climate Change reserve.

#### \*RECOMMENDED: That

- the proposed UKSPF Programme for 2025/26, as set out in Table 1, be commended to Cabinet for approval;
- (2) Cabinet approve delegated authority be given to the Strategic Economic Regeneration Manager, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property, to make minor amendments to the programme that may be needed in the event of project underspend; and
- (3) the use of any additional Rural England Prosperity Fund for 2025/26 (to be confirmed) for further rounds of the West Kent Rural Grants scheme be commended to Cabinet for approval.

#### \*Recommended to Cabinet

#### MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

#### FRP 25/6 WORK PROGRAMME 2025

The Work Programme setting out matters to be scrutinised was attached for information. Members were invited to suggest future matters for 2025/26 by liaising with the Chair of the Committee and the Scrutiny Officer.

#### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**

#### FRP 25/7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.21 pm

#### Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee

27 May 2025

Part 1 - Public

#### Matter for Recommendation to Cabinet - Council Decision



Cabinet Member Cllr Adem Mehmet (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure

and Tonbridge Regeneration);

Cllr Robin Betts (Cabinet Member for Housing,

Environment and Economy); and

Cllr Des Keers (Cabinet Member for Community

Services)

Responsible Officer Robert Styles (Director of Street Scene, Leisure &

Technical Services)

Report Author Dean Radmore (Tonbridge Town Centre Programme

Manager)

#### Riverside Route Lighting Project, Tonbridge

#### 1 Summary and Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report brings forward a List C Capital Plan Evaluation for the Riverside Route Lighting project between Town Lock and Vale Road, Tonbridge. The project will provide high quality lighting to create a safe and secure public realm, minimising opportunities for crime during the night and in low natural light conditions for pedestrians moving between the Town Lock area and the industrial/retail estates in Vale Road/Cannon Lane and/or vice versa.
- 1.2 The report seeks approval to move the project forward for construction later in this calendar year.

#### 2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

2.1 The Riverside Route Lighting project aligns to the Council's Corporate Strategy 2023-2027 - sustaining a borough which cares for the environment – by improving pedestrian safety and encouraging sustainable travel along this route at all hours of the day. The project is included in the 2025/26 Annual Service Delivery Plan.

#### 3 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to consider the feasibility study report carried out by consultant Project Centre and recommend that Phase 1 of the project is taken

- forward through the design stages up to and including the preparation of tender documentation.
- 3.2 Members are asked to consider the List C Capital Plan Evaluation for the Riverside Route Lighting Project at Annex 1 to the report, and to request Cabinet to recommend to Council the scheme be transferred to List A of the Capital Plan.
- 3.3 Members are asked to recommend to Cabinet for authorisation to use this Councils powers under s161 of the Public Health Act 1875 for delivery of the project with agreement from Kent County Council's Public Rights of Way.

#### 4 Introduction and Background

- 4.1 The Town Lock to Vale Road section of the Riverside Route is approximately 380m in length. From west to east, the first section of approximately 120m passes through a recently created landscape between the new residential warehouse-scale developments on Medway Wharf Road and Cannons Wharf to the south, and the river itself to the north. The following 260m section, east to Vale Road, passes the northern boundary of the former gasholder site, which is due to be redeveloped, and the rear of retail units on Cannons Wharf.
- 4.2 There are opportunities that exist for the section of the route between Town Lock and Vale Road/Cannon Lane to include the introduction of lighting. The lack of lighting in this section combined with a narrow path that is lined with trees and shrubbery and unprotected river edge, makes this an uninviting section of the route.
- 4.3 There has been a long-term aspiration from successive local Ward Members to improve safety along this section of the Riverside Route. Cabinet Members have requested that work be accelerated and this project be prioritised.
- 4.4 In order to assist the Council, external consultants Project Centre were appointed to undertake a feasibility study. This project focuses on Phase 1 identified in the Feasibility Report that contains no existing lighting. Phase 2 already has private low level bollard lighting associated with the housing development incorporating Waterway House, Davit House and Breach House that provides ambient light to the path itself. The route is well used by pedestrians to access the High Street and the retail park off Cannon Lane and also forms part of Public Right of Way MU33.
- 4.5 The Riverside Route between Town Lock and Vale Road has a number of land owners including TMBC, KCC, Redrow Homes Ltd, Tonbridge Riverside Regeneration Ltd, Duchess Street Properties Ltd as well as areas of unregistered land. Letters were sent out to known owners on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 with limited response.
  - Ongoing discussions have been taking place since the commencement of this project with Kent County Council's Public Rights of Way (PROW) Manager and on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 an email was received from the PROW Manager that stated

'Lighting may be installed by (1) the Highway Authority under the provisions of s.97 of the Highways Act 1980, by (2) the Local Lighting Authorities (districts and boroughs) under the provisions of s.161 of the Public Health Act 1875 and by (3) parish councils under the provisions of s.3 of the Parish Councils Act 1957'.

#### 5 Proposal

5.1 The proposal is to progress through the next stages of delivery (design) up to and including tender documentation, based on information and recommendations based in the Feasibility Report.

#### 6 Other Options

- 6.1 The other options considered included;
  - Illuminated bollards similar to the private bollards already in place within the housing development at the Town Lock end of the route. The lighting levels and height of the bollards would not provide sufficient illuminance or spread, and this approach is not supported by Kent Police.
  - Solar powered lighting as there is an amount of coverage from the trees in places along the route, regeneration of solar power throughout the day may be hindered and the lighting levels may be affected during the winter period.
  - Electrically powered lighting columns both 5m and 6m column heights have been considered in the feasibility report but both are to be considered within the design phase for the consistency of lighting spread and spacing of the columns.

#### 7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 7.1 Members will note from the capital plan evaluation that the estimated build costs including contingency is circa £90,000 and the design costs are expected to be circa £12,000.
- 7.2 There is £20,000 of UK Shared Prosperity Funding already available for the design element and a proposed Business Rates Pool programme has been approved by KCC that includes circa £450,000 of Business Rate Pool funding for Tonbridge town centre including the Riverside Route Lighting scheme. The national business rates retention scheme enables local authorities to come together, on a voluntary basis, to pool their business rates, giving them scope to generate additional growth through collaborative effort and to smooth the impact of volatility in rates income across a wide economic area.
- 7.3 There is currently S106 funding allocated for this project and discussions will also take place with KCC Public Rights of Way regarding a possible financial contribution.

7.4 Taking the above into account I am pleased to advise that the project can be delivered in full with external funding and no funding will be needed from the Council.

#### 8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 As outlined in the Riverside Risk Register at Annex 3, key risks within the project relate to:
  - UKPN delivery timescales
  - Approval to proceed from landowners or KCC Public Rights of Way
  - Increased costs during the design phase of the project

#### 9 Legal Implications

9.1 The project is being progressed through an internal Officer Delivery Group with representation from Legal Services. Mid Kent Procurement Partnership are also be engaged to ensure all legal requirements are met.

#### 10 Consultation and Communications

10.1 As outlined in the Capital Plan Evaluation at Annex 1.

#### 11 Implementation

11.1 A project timeline is attached at Annex 4. Subject to approval of Council, it is planned that construction will commence in Autumn/Winter 2025 and be handed over to the Council by March 2026. Every effort will be made to accelerate this timescale if possible.

#### 12 Cross Cutting Issues

- 12.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity
- 12.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.
- 12.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.
- 12.1.3 Limiting the environmental impact of new lighting on this section of the Riverside Route is a key consideration. The height and spacing of the lighting columns, the colour temperature (2700K 3000K) and possible use of lighting shields suggested in the feasibility study has all been done to minimise the impact on biodiversity whilst providing a safe route for pedestrians.
- 12.2 Equalities and Diversity

12.2.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

#### 12.3 Other If Relevant

- Procurement Advice will continue to be sought ahead of the design and construction stages from the Mid-Kent Procurement Partnership
- Health and Safety The installation of lighting will create a safer public realm, minimising opportunities for crime.
- Healthy Lifestyles The installation of lighting will enable the route to be used by pedestrians at all hours.

Background Papers	None
Annexes	Annex 1 – Capital Plan Evaluation Annex 2 – Project Centre Feasibility Report Annex 3 – Risk Register Annex 4 – Project Timeline



### CAPITAL PLAN LIST C - EVALUATIONS

Spe	Specification:									
(i)	Purpose of the scheme	To install new lighting columns/luminaires along the Riverside Route between Town Lock and Vale Road/Cannon Lane, Tonbridge								
(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Objectives	<ul> <li>(a) National: Public Safety.</li> <li>(b) Council: Sustaining a borough which cares for the environment - encouraging sustainable transport</li> </ul>								
(iii)	Targets for judging success	<ul> <li>(a) Successful operation of the lighting on completion.</li> <li>(b) Improved security for pedestrian access to/from the town centre</li> <li>(c) Project delivered in accordance with timeline and budget</li> </ul>								
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### CAPITAL PLAN LIST C - EVALUATIONS

	3	Milestones / Risks:					
		Completion of feasibility completion of the work	/ and design. The detail on site.	ed design would be com	pleted ahead of procuri	ng the works, awardin	g the contract and
		Based on previous expe	erience there is a risk rel	lating to UKPN's deliver	y timescales		
		There is a risk of obtain	ing approval to proceed	from landowners or KC	C Public Rights of Way		
		There is a risk of increa	sed costs, due to floodir	ng mitigation and workin	g within a towpath prone	e to tree roots	
Page 24	4	consulted and planning  The Designing Out Crin approval for the crime p Vale Road and Town Le used to seek approval t plan should be approve imposed, to help avoid 2025 states: "19.3 SBD wayfinding and can be project sufficient light at lighting policy to be inst	place with adjacent lan permission is not required to revention measure of the cock. Please can my follows move to the design state of the conflict and light pollution does not advocate the easily obscured or damage the right height to recognise to min standard of the corm to min s	has also been consulted the proposal to install colowing comments regarding age. "Lighting - Please reting engineer (e.g., a mean. Bollard lighting should use of bollard lighting to aged. It should be avoid gnise facial features." The mbers of the public are a	d and have provided the umn lighting along the sing this be captured with note, whilst we are not quember of the ILP), particed be avoided, Secured lachieve lighting uniformed, as it can increase the perefore, we recommend	e following statement; is section of the Riverside in the appropriate replualified lighting engine ularly where a lighting By Design Residential mity. Bollard lighting is see fear of crime, becaud column lighting align	'I can confirm my e Route between ort which shall be eers, any lighting condition is (Homes) Guide purely for se it does not ed with a suitable
	5	Capital Cost: £102,000					
	6	Profiling of Expenditu	ire:				
		2024/25 (£'000)	2025/26 (£'000)	2026/27 (£'000)	2027/28 (£'000)	2028/29 (£'000)	2029/30 (£'000)
		, ,	£102,000	, ,	, ,	, ,	,

#### CAPITAL PLAN LIST C - EVALUATIONS

	7	Capital Renewals Impact: The estimated life expectancy of a lighting column is 25 years with LED lur	ninaires requ	uiring replacement circa after 100,000 hours.						
	8	Revenue Impact: There will be ongoing revenue costs for maintenance and repair of the new maintenance and repair and supply costs per year are £2550.	·							
	9	g from developer contributions and Business leveloper								
	10	Project Monitoring / Post Implementation Review: Director responsible: Robert Styles Progress reported to: Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Post Implementation review to be carried out twelve months after completi	Cabinet							
ס	11	Screening for equality impacts:								
a		Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts						
Page 25		a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No							
		<b>b.</b> Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	n/a							
		<b>c.</b> What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?	n/a							
	12	Recommendation: Transfer to List B.								

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Due to its size the Stage 2 Lighting Feasibility Study (Annex 2) is published as a supplement	



					Conse	equence	of Risk										
Risk ID	Programme or individual project	Status	Risk Description	Risk Type	Cost	Time	Qty	Impact (A)	Likelihood (B)	Total Risk Score (A x B)	Proximity	Risk Mitigation Decscription	Risk Mitigation Strategy	Impact (A)	Likelihood (B)	Score (A x B)	Date Originally Added
14	Riverside	Open	UKPN Delivery Timescales	Operational	N	Y	N	3	3	9	0 - 12 months	Place order for works at the earliest opportunity to chase for agreed delivery dates	Reduction	3	2	6	Apr-25
1	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Land Ownership and approval – Permission to proceed will be required prior to delivery.	Regulatory/Legal	Y	Υ	Υ	2	4	8	0 - 6 months	Explore delivery options to obtain and determine if only KCC PROW approval is required	Avoidance	1	4	4	Dec-24
8	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Increased costs during the design stage	Financial	Υ	N	N	2	3	6	within 3 years	Consultant to discuss estimated construction costs during feasibility/design stages	Reduction	2	2	4	Dec-24
9	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Council unable to fund the project	Financial	Y	Y	Y	3	2	6	Throughout the programme	Use available S106 and UKSPF funding and work with finance team to determine funding	Transference	3	1	3	Dec-24
10	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Health & Safety breach during any stage of the delivery	Health & Safety	Υ	Y	N	3	2	6	Throughout the programme	All parties involved fully understand and follow the requirements of Construction (Design & Management) Regulations and other health & safety legislation including the Building Safety Act 2022	Reduction	3	1	3	Dec-24
12	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Not meeting the expectations and needs of users, key stakeholders and Members	People	Υ	Y	Υ	3	2	6	Throughout the programme	Engagement carried out throughout the delivery process	Reduction	3	1	3	Dec-24
13	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Increased costs during construction due to existing tree roots hindering progress	Financial	Υ	Y	N	2	3	6	within 2 years	Ensure tenderers of fully aware of the current site conditions prior to tender submission	Avoidance	2	2	4	Apr-25
2	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	On-going revenue liability – maintenance, repair & electricity costs	Financial	Y	N	N	1	5	5	Throughout the programme	Ensure lighting design is as energy efficient as possible	Reduction	1	3	3	Dec-24
3	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Changes to key personnel involved in the project	People	N	Y	Υ	2	2	4	Throughout the programme	Resources required for each key task to be identified and planned ahead. Project documentation to be in place for business continuity.	Reduction	2	1	2	Dec-24
4	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Insolvency of a member of the project team	Contractual	Y	Y	Υ	2	2	4	Throughout the programme	Credit checks to be carried out ahead of entering into contracts/development agreements to confirm the current financial security of any organisation	Reduction	2	1	2	Dec-24
5	Riverside Improvements Project	Open	Impacts from Brexit and/or global political tensions causing disruption and/or affecting material supplies and costs	Financial	Υ	Υ	Υ	2	2	4	Throughout the programme	Consultants working on the programme to keep abreast of current market conditions, product/material availability and supply timescales. As this is a relatively small scheme the likelihood of implcations is less.	Acceptance	2	3	6	Dec-24

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### **Riverside Route Lighting Scheme - Indicative Project Timeline**

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Task	Duration	Start	Finish	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
Governance - Meetings																			
Initial Meeting (13/12/24)	0d	13/12/2024	13/12/2024	*															
Officer Project Group Meeting	0d	10/01/2025	10/01/2025		*														
Officer Project Group Meeting	0d	05/02/2025	05/02/2025			*													
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Officer Project Group Meeting	0d	02/04/2025	02/04/2025					*											
Officer Project Group Meeting	0d	07/05/2025	07/05/2025						*										
FRPSSC Meeting	0d	27/05/2025	27/05/2025						*										
Cabinet Meeting	0d	03/06/2025	03/06/2025							*									
Officer Project Group Meeting	0d	04/06/2025	04/06/2025							*									
Officer Project Group Meeting	0d	02/07/2025	02/07/2025								*								
Council Meeting	0d	08/07/2025	08/07/2025								*								
Officer Project Group Meeting	0d	06/08/2025	06/08/2025									*							
Cabinet Meeting	0d	02/09/2025	02/09/2025										*						
LAND OWNERSHIP / APPROVALS																			
Determine route to delivery		01/01/2025	31/03/2025																
Obtain approval to proceed from KCC		01/01/2025	01/02/2025																
FEASIBILITY																			
Feasibility Study		10/03/2025	17/04/2025																
PROCUREMENT																			
Design Procurement	4w	Jun-25	Jul-25																
Construction Procurement	12w	Sep-25	Dec-25																
DESIGN																			
RIBA 2 - 4 Concept Design	12w	Jul-25	Sep-25																
CONSTRUCTION																			
Mobilisation	2w	Dec-25	Dec-25																
Construction	76w	Jan-26	Feb-26																
Handover	4w	Mar-26	Mar-26																

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DECISION (TITLE)

DESCRIPTION

OFFICER IN

#### FINANCE, REGENERATION AND PROPERTY SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE - UPCOMING MATTERS

#### 2025-26

C=Council; CAB = Cabinet; DEL = Delegated to Committee; INFO = matters for information. Cabinet are responsible for ALL Key Decisions (KD). Some Non-Key Decisions (NKD) can be taken by Cabinet Members outside of the meeting.

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PART 1 MEETING DATE

Cabinet member DN Y/N, seeks indication whether the decision is anticipated to be taken by the relevant Cabinet Member following the meeting, or whether it is anticipated to go to the next Cabinet meeting for a decision to be taken by the executive.

C/CAB/

DECISION (TITLE)	DESCRIPTION	DEL/INFO	KD/NKD	MEMBER DN Y/N	OR 2	MEETING DATE	PERSON ATTENDANCE Y/N
West Kent Partnership – Outside Body Presentation						22 July 2025	
Cabinet Member report	Transformation/Infrastructure	Info					
Delivery of Savings and Transformation Strategy (To be confirmed)	Base budget review to identify saving options as set out in Annual Service Delivery Plan						
Matters Arising from Service	ces in between cycles: N/A	l	L	1	-1		
Work Programme	Standing item	Info					
Cabinet Member report	Finance	Info				16 September 2025	
Matters Arising from Service	ces in between cycles: To be cor	nfirmed	•	-	1		
Work Programme	Standing item	Info					
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DECISION (TITLE)	DESCRIPTION	C/CAB/ DEL/INFO	KD/NKD	CAB MEMBER DN Y/N	PART 1 OR 2	MEETING DATE	OFFICER IN PERSON ATTENDANCE Y/N
Review of Fees and Charges 2025/26		CAB	KD			18 November 2025	
Cabinet Member report	Regeneration/Property	Info					
Matters Arising from Ser	vices in between cycles: To be	confirmed		1			
Work Programme	Standing item	Info					
						17 February 2026	
Matters Arising from Ser	 vices in between cycles: To be	confirmed					
Work Programme	Standing item	Info					
	-					26 May 2026	
Matters Arising from Ser	vices in between cycles: To be	confirmed					
	luled for scrutiny: To be confire						

Annual updates in respect of the following Outside Bodies to be scheduled during 2025/26:

- Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board early 2026
- Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board early 2026
- West Kent Partnership

## Agenda Item 9

The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information.

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## Agenda Item 10

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## Agenda Item 11

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

