

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING and TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

11 March 2014

Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Part 1- Public

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

1 KCC CYCLING STRATEGY

1.1 Joint Transportation Board (JTB)

1.1.1 The JTB, at its meeting of 2 December 2013, resolved that it wished to adopt the Cycling Strategy as presented, subject to a number of clarifications. The JTB also requested that the Borough Council adopt the Strategy as a material consideration in Planning matters.

1.2 Planning Considerations

1.2.1 The Strategy, which in its updated version, is Annexed to this Report, is both aspirational and contains some specific proposed routes, in four sub-areas: Tonbridge, Medway Gap, Kings Hill and Borough Green and Wrotham.

1.2.2 The more detailed routings might be achieved by use of a combination of funding sources and/or directly through development itself, dependent on the context.

1.2.3 The Strategy should form part of the context for considering planning applications and in the production of the forthcoming Local Plan.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 The document would simply be another material consideration in making planning decisions. It has not been through the necessary processes of public consultation to become a formal planning policy document.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 None directly in the consideration of planning matters.

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 No risk, provided that the document is not treated as an *overriding* consideration, in its own right, in planning decision making.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

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

1.7 Recommendations

1.7.1 The Kent and Tonbridge and Malling Strategy 2014-2019 **BE ADOPTED as a material consideration** in decisions on Planning applications and in the production of the Local Plan.

The 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:

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Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
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	No part of the community will be disadvantaged by the use of this document as a material consideration.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	Improved facilities for those aspiring to healthier lifestyles
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.