

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Monday, 12th March, 2018

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

Borough Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, R P Betts, P F Bolt, V M C Branson, M A Coffin, D J Cure, B J Luker, P J Montague, Mrs A S Oakley, M R Rhodes, R V Roud and T C Walker were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R D Lancaster

Ms W Palmer was also present on behalf of the Kent Association of Local Authorities (KALC)

PART 1 - PUBLIC

JTB 18/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

JTB 18/2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 27 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOROUGH CABINET

JTB 18/3 ON-STREET PARKING FEES AND CHARGES

The Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services reported that, at a meeting held on 6 November 2017, the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board had considered a number of proposals to amend on-street parking fees and charges and he advised that a new on-street Traffic Regulation Order amendment was required to allow the introduction of the proposed charges. Details of the Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Amendment 19) Order 2018 were set out at Annex 1 to the report. The report set out details of the formal consultation undertaken between 26 January and 19 February 2018 and Members noted that no responses to the proposed charges had been received.

RECOMMENDED: That the proposed charges, as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be implemented with effect from 1 April 2018. ◀

***Referred to Cabinet**

JTB 18/4 PARKING ACTION PLAN - PHASE 9

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided an update on the formal consultation undertaken between 26 January and 19 February in respect of Phase 9 of the Parking Action Plan. Details of the proposals in respect of 24 locations, the responses received to the formal consultation, location plans and redacted copies of the responses were set out at Annexes 1 to 4 of the report.

RECOMMENDED: That the recommendations set out in Annex 1 to the report be agreed, the Traffic Regulation Order be amended and the proposed changes be implemented. ◀

***Referred to Cabinet**

MATTERS FOR DECISION

JTB 18/5 TONBRIDGE STATION TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Board received a verbal report from Jamie Watson, Senior Schemes Programme Manager, Kent County Council, which provided an update on the review of the High Street Improvements. He outlined the preliminary findings of an on-line consultation undertaken between 19 February and 4 March 2018 and made particular reference to bus stops, loading bays and the free flow of traffic. He advised that a fuller report would be made to the next meeting of the Board on 11 June.

Prior to the presentation of the report on the transport interchange improvements, Nina Peake of South Eastern, outlined a proposal to create a Cycle Hub at the Barden Road entrance to Tonbridge Station which would also improve the forecourt area, provide a 'drop off' facility and ensure 'step free' access to the station.

Tim Middleton, Principal Transport Planner, Kent Highways, presented the key findings of the public consultation on 'Improving Access to Tonbridge Station – Revised Design' undertaken between 16 January and 12 February 2018. He reported that, generally, the scheme was strongly supported but that concerns had been expressed about the location of the 'drop off' facilities and possible conflict between buses and other traffic. He expressed support for the proposal tabled by South Eastern as this could alleviate the problems experienced at the front of the station.

RESOLVED: That Kent County Council be commended to retain the short stay drop off spaces outside the front of the station with no room for a further bus stop.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

JTB 18/6 HIGHWAYS WORK PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

JTB 18/7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.18 pm