

Agreement on Joint transportation Boards between Kent County Council and Thanet District Council

Meeting	Joint Transportation Board 16th September 2021
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Status	For Recommendation
Classification:	Unrestricted
Ward:	All Wards

Executive Summary:

The Joint Transportation Board (JTB) is a non-statutory advisory forum enabling consultation between Kent County Council and Thanet District Council.

The JTB will consider:-

- capital and revenue funded works programmes
- traffic regulation orders
- street management proposals

and will provide advice on these matters to the relevant Executive as appropriate. Additionally it will:

- Promote consultation between KCC and the Council on policies; plans and strategies related to highways; road traffic and public transport
- Review the progress and out-turn of works and business performance indicators
- Recommend and advise on the prioritisation of of bids and future programmes of work
- Receive reports on highways and transportation needs within the district

The current agreement requires review and a copy of the revised agreement is attached

Recommendation:

The Board's view is sought on the proposed new Agreement between KCC and TDC, which will then be considered by Cabinet in its present form or with the Boards amendments.

Corporate Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications of the proposed agreement

Legal

The revised Agreement will need to be signed and ratified between KCC and individual District / Borough therefore it is necessary that each Council endorses the amendments in accordance with its own governance procedures.

Corporate

With regard to corporate risk this is a low risk agreement between two Local Government Authorities which can be terminated by either party on six months' written notice addressed to the relevant Council's Chief Executive / KCC's Corporate Director responsible for Highways and Transportation.

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

There are no equalities or data protection implications resulting from the revised agreement.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Growth*
- *Environment*
- *Communities*

1.0 Revisions

1.1 The new agreement has a few revisions that are detailed below.

1.2 Membership:

1.2.1 In a change to the last agreement 2.2 of the first schedule is revised:

'The JTB shall agree a number of Town/Parish Council representatives, not less than one and not greater than three from within the councils administrative area' The last agreement made no indication of the number of these representatives the JTB may wish to consider the number of Parish / Town representatives

1.2.2 4.2 of the first schedule updates the arrangements for agenda setting meetings.

1.2.3 A new section for petition discussion has been added (Section 6), however it should be noted that this section does not replace the current governance arrangements Regarding petitions at KCC and Districts / Boroughs.

1.2.3 Other changes such as paragraphs 3.1 (Chairman) and section 8 (Executive Action) are intended to simplify the language used.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The Agreements between the authorities which include the Joint Transportation Boards Terms of Reference are usually reviewed every four years. This period has now lapsed and a new agreement is required to be put in place, as previously indicated there have been some amendments to the agreement.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 Option 1. The Board note the new agreement and recommend Cabinet approve the Agreement in its present form.
- 3.2 Option 2. The Board suggest amendments to the new Agreement and recommend Cabinet approve an Agreement that includes the Boards amendments.
- 3.2 Option 3. Reject the Agreement (This is not recommended as this version supersedes the 2014 agreement and in partnership with KCC seeks to adopt a consistent approach to JTBs across the county)

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 A cabinet report is produced and the Agreement or Amended Agreement is attached to the report with a recommendation from the JTB for the agreement to be signed.

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Annex List

Annex 1: Agreement on Joint Transportation Boards

Corporate Consultation

Finance: N/A

Legal: N/A