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To all Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

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Kelly Lawrence – Committee Officer

Date: 08/04/21

AGENDA

1	Chairman's opening remarks and apologies for absence:	Chairman
2	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach 1
3	The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 10 February 2021 for approval: Decision required	Attach 2
4	Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda to be read out by the Committee Clerk (maximum 15 minutes): For councillor information	Committee Officer
5	White Cliffs CRP membership: Decisions required	Attach 3
6	Correspondence Received: Kent County Council - Highways Forward Works Programme: Information to note	Attach 4
7	Bus Strategy Next Steps: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decision required	Attach 5
8	Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) update: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decisions required	Attach 6
9	Correspondence Received: Introducing Bird: Deal's e-scooter solution: Decision required	Attach 7
10	Update on the committee projects/initiatives: Information to note	Attach 8
	Date of next meeting: TBC	
Committee members: Cllr B Bano, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr O Richardson, Cllr T Thompson, Cllr A Stroud, Mr P Inch, KCC Cllr D Murphy, Mr I Killbery		

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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**The minutes of the remote Transport and Infrastructure meeting
held on Wednesday 10 February 2021 starting at 7.15pm**

Present:

Cllr B Bano– Chairman	Cllr T Thompson
Cllr L Kettlewell– Vice Chairman	Cllr O Richardson
Cllr E Rowbotham (ex officio)	Mr I Killbery (co-opted member)
Cllr M Eddy	

Officers:

Committee Clerk: Kelly Lawrence	Others: 0 members of the public
Project Officer: Adrian Oliver	
Secretary: Una Finch	
Communications Officer: Joanne Harper	

1.	Chairman's opening remarks: The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the Chair as requested by the Chairman. He then reminded members of the procedures for during the remote Teams meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Cronk and Derek Murphy (co-opted member)	Actions
2.	Declarations of interest: None received.	
3.	Minutes of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 16 December 2020 for approval: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on the 16 December 2020 with an amendment to item 6. Walmer Parish Council are looking into electric buses not responsive buses. (P) ME (S) TT 6 for 1 abstention.	
4.	Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda: No statements had been received from the public.	
5.	Request for committee input to the DDC Local District Plan: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: All committee members to indicate by Monday 15 February by email to the Vice Chair and the Project Officer which specific policies from the DDC Local Plan they want to work on, any unallocated areas will be allocated by the Vice Chair and Project Officer. A report will be put together by the Vice Chairman and Project Officer ready to go to the Extraordinary Full Council meeting in March. (P) OR (S) ME All agreed.	Vice Chairman, Project Officer and All members
6.	Correspondence Received: (a) Response to the Mayoral letter sent regarding Brexit: Members RESOLVED: To note the letter and to write back to the Leader of KCC and ask if he received any reports by the Kent Resilience Forum concerning the lorry traffic chaos before Christmas as a result of the Border Closures. (P) ME (S) TT All agreed (b) Response received from Network Rail regarding Deal station – Access for All Project: Members RESOLVED: To note the report and to continue the dialogue and ensure we make representations directly with Network Rail and South-Eastern so they don't lose sight of our considerable interest in this project. (P) LK (S) ER All agreed. (c) Response to the Committee Chairman email to Kent Police regarding their ANPR camera extension plan: Members RESOLVED: To contact the local Community Safety Unit and Kent Police for clarity on previously unanswered questions. (P) LK (S) TT All agreed.	Chairman and Committee Clerk Chairman and Committee Clerk Chairman and Committee Clerk

7.	<p>Update from the committee Highways Improvement Task & Finish Group: Members RESOLVED: The HIP Task and Finish Group create a Highways Improvement Plan with a focus on benefitting vulnerable road users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching small necessary improvements to the Highway in the three Wards • Providing indicative costs for each individual improvement • Prioritising these improvements <p>The Highway Improvement Plan is then to be submitted to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee for review and approval. The Transport & Infrastructure Committee to then submit the Highways Improvement Plan to Full Council to request funding. The Highway Improvement Plan is then to be submitted to Kent Highway Services to for review. (P) ME (S) ER All agreed.</p>	Project Officer and Members
8.	<p>Update on the committee projects/initiatives: Members RESOLVED: To thank the Project Officer for the report and to note the report with the following amendments on the Other T&I initiatives section resolution from the T&I meeting on 14/10 to correct name from Bach to Back 16/12, to ask Cllr M Eddy to engage with Walmer Parish Council in looking further at the demand for electric not responsive buses and 14/10 to insert Kent Police Roads Enforcement and Safety before Survey. Action completed although the deadline had expired. (P) LK (S) ME All agreed.</p>	Project Officer
9.	<p>Report from Cllr Kettlewell on White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership Steering Group: Members RESOLVED: To note the report and to contact by letter the Community Engagement Officer at DDC to request assistance in any future work with the local community when required. (P) ER (S) TT All agreed.</p>	Vice Chairman and Committee Clerk
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm	
	Date of next meeting – 14 April 2021	

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr B Bano, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
Committee Members
From: Paul Bone – Deputy Town Clerk
Date: 8 April 2021
Subject: **White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership**

Following the resignation of Lee Kettlewell from Deal Town Council, a request has been received from Rebecca Walledge of the White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership asking if this Committee would like to put forward a new representative to the WCCRP Steering Group.

Members should note that any such appointment by this committee gives no powers to make decisions on behalf of the Council but is the conduit between the two parties. Any decisions on behalf of the Council are still required to be made by this Committee.

Decision Required

- 1) Members to agree if a replacement Cllr is required to represent DTC on the WCCRP Steering Group.
- 2) Members to select a suitable member to represent DTC on the WCCRP Steering Group.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

ATTACH 4

To: Cllr Ben Bano, Chairman of Transport and Infrastructure Committee,
Committee members
From: Kelly Lawrence, Transport and Infrastructure Committee Clerk
Date: 23 March 2021
Subject: Kent County Council - Highways Forward Works Programme

For members Information

Please see correspondence received below from Kent County Council Highways: -

Good afternoon,

Kent County Council has now published a forward works programme setting out the renewal and maintenance work which we intend to carry out to our highway network over the next five years., including works to roads and pavements, streetlights, drainage systems, traffic lights, bridges, tunnels and trees.

More information about how we manage our highway infrastructure may be found on our website:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/transport-and-highways-policies/managing-highway-infrastructure>

If you have any questions about our programme, you are welcome to contact us at
assetmanagement@kent.gov.uk

Thanks,

Kind Regards,

KCC Technical Support Officer

Recommendation:

To note the report

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Ben Bano, Chair of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee and all Committee Members

From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer

Date: 8th April 2021

Subject: **Bus Back Better**

The Department for Transport (DfT) has unveiled a £3bn bus transport strategy for England, "[Bus Back Better](#)" aimed at delivering bus services that are "more frequent, reliable, easier to use and understand, better coordinated and cheaper."

35 years after bus deregulation, "Bus Back Better" admits that the market forces experiment, has been a failure. Services have been cut, fares have risen, passenger numbers have fallen, communities have been isolated. The Government is using the Pandemic Payments to Bus Operators to make them work with Local Transport Authorities to develop bus services that serve people first rather than profit.

What

- The first national government Bus Strategy
- Discretionary Department for Transport funding of £3bn
 - Funding only available to LTAs committed to entering Enhanced Partnerships or Franchising
 - Non-participation also risks other LA's Transport Funding
- 2021/22 Budget of £300m to:
 - Increase services cut during the pandemic
 - Implement bus priority schemes
 - Accelerate the delivery of zero emission buses
 - £25m ring-fenced for LAs to employ skilled people to deliver the Bus Strategy ambitions
- Roll out the "Success Models" i.e. Hertfordshire's Intalink initiative

Aims

- Bus usage back to pre-pandemic levels
- Then increase mode share
- Make bus travel an attractive alternative to private car use
 - "Better bus services mean fewer journeys are needed by private car"
- Buses to become the transport of choice
- Tackle the negative perceptions of bus travel

Proposals (Bus Back Better Chapter 2 - The Buses We Want)

- More Frequent
 - Turn up & Go on busy routes
 - Feeder Services
 - With integrated ticketing
 - Smaller buses/minibuses where appropriate
 - Demand Responsive Services
- Faster & More Reliable
 - More bus priority schemes i.e. bus lanes, priority traffic lights
 - Complements cycling & walking schemes
- Cheaper
 - Daily price capping
 - More low flat fares
 - Lower point to point pricing
- More Comprehensive
 - More services including in smaller towns and villages in evenings, nights & weekends

- Easier to Understand
 - Local branding – NOT operator
 - Common Numbering
 - Easy to access via journey planning on apps & websites
 - More information including live running, schedules, fares and accessibility
 - Bus Stops to have consistent names i.e. Town Hall and good information
 - Routes are to be easy to understand and the same whatever time of day
 - Marketing & Promotion to inform and win new users
- Easier to Use
 - Common tickets & passes – Contactless - Simple fares
 - Bus Stations - Redevelop and improve
- Better to ride in
 - Comfortable - High specification – Modern - WiFi
 - Safe
 - Space for luggage & pushchairs etc
 - Information display
 - Promote to Visitors
- Integrated
 - Expand Park & Ride
 - Railway Stations should be hubs for connecting services
 - Stations should include bus information
 - High Quality Bus Stops Near Station Entrances
 - Multi-modal through ticketing (smart)
 - Rural bus services should carry bicycles
- More Comprehensive socially necessary services
 - Connecting rural settlements
 - More regular services – a fuller timetable
- Greener
 - “Plan towns around green buses and active travel, rather than private cars”
- Accessible by Design
- Innovative

Timescale

- June 2021 - LTA commit to Enhanced Partnership or Franchise Agreements to access new funding
- October 2021 - Publish Bus Service Improvement Plan
 - Ambitious vision
 - What passengers & would-be passengers want
 - Updated annually
- April 2022 - Enhanced Partnership or Franchise in place

Bus Back Better & Deal Town Council

A number of Bus Back Better ambitions align with recent DTC work including:

- Low emission electric or hydrogen buses
- Park & Ride
- Deal Station as a sustainable transport hub
- South Street improvements
- Rural connectivity, particularly with the 5km satellite settlements:
 - Kingsdown – Ringwould – Ripple – Northbourne - Great Mongeham – Finglesham - Sholden
- Canterbury Connection

Recommendation:

The Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee writes an open letter to Kent County Council and possibly Dover District Council to ask how they will be implementing the “Bus Back Better” strategy, how they will be gaining an understanding of what local communities want and when Deal and the surrounding area can expect the improvements that the Town Council has already identified to be implemented.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

ATTACH 6

To: Cllr B Bano, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee Members

From: Adrian Oliver

Date: Thursday 8th April 2021

Subject: Highways Improvement Plan Task & Finish Group

There is now an initial draft of the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP).(below)

The Highways Improvement Plan Task & Finish Group has been able to define the role of a HIP within a Deal Town Council context but has not been able to meet since January.

The HIP is falling behind and an additional Group is creating another layer and another meeting that may not be necessary.

Recommendations:

The HIP be a standing item on the Transport & Infrastructure Committee Agenda with all Committee Members contributing to the contents of the HIP and enabling members of the public to contribute through correspondence to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee.

Disband the Highways Improvement Plan Task & Finish Group.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1			ACTION PLAN – Stage 2		
Priority	Location	Problem and suggested remedy	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Action/Programme (Who/When)
1.	EXAMPLE: High Street between Post office and last property to the west of the garage	Speeding off peak. Reduce speed limit to 30mph	1. £500 2. £0 3. £0 4. £?	i.e. DTC / KCC Member / Grant / other	1.Traffic survey required to establish existing speeds by end of June 18.KCC to arrange 2. Review report and agree whether the site is suitable without further traffic calming measures. KCC by mid July. 3. If suitable then discuss with PC and give early advice on potential costs. Mid July 4. Agree the way forward – outline design/estimate including staff fees. Mid July
2.	Bowling Green Lane / London Road Junction	Hazard to wheelchair and mobility scooter users: Install pedestrian dropped kerbs north & south of Bowling Green Lane replacing old	£1,000		

		inappropriate lipped dropped kerbs			
3.	Claremont Road / London Road Junction	Hazard to wheelchair and mobility scooter users: Install pedestrian dropped kerbs north & south of Claremont Road replacing old inappropriate lipped dropped kerbs	£1,000		
4.	Grange Road / London Road Junction	Hazard to wheelchair and mobility scooter users: Install pedestrian dropped kerbs north & south of Grange Road replacing old inappropriate lipped dropped kerbs	£1,000		
5.	London Road: Grange Road to Albert Road	Inappropriately narrow pavement: Widen to a minimum of 1200mm	Tbc		
6.	London Road / Cowper Road Junction	Hazard to wheelchair and mobility scooter users: Install pedestrian dropped kerbs north & south of Cowper Road replacing old inappropriate lipped dropped kerbs	£1,000		
7.	London Road – Lion Court	Hazard to wheelchair and mobility scooter users: Remove wide corner radii and improve pavement to be continuous smooth surface	Tbc	Lion Court Lease holders	
8.	London Road / The Grove junction	Hazard to wheelchair and mobility scooter users: Install pedestrian dropped kerbs north & south of The Grove replacing old inappropriate lipped dropped kerbs	£1,000		
9.	London Road / Albert Road		£1,000		
10.	London Road / Mill Road	No crossing point for wheelchair, mobility scooter, buggy and pram users: Install pedestrian dropped kerbs north & south of London Road	£1,000		

11.	London Road: Grange Road Bus Stops	No crossing point for pedestrians for 500 yards: Install additional crossing point across London Road	£10,000	KCC Member	Project underway
12.	Astor Drive / London Road Junction	Hazardous pedestrian crossing over Astor Drive: Reduce corner radii at Astor Drive and instal pedestrian dropped kerbs	£1,000 +		
13.	113 London Rd Bus Stop	No raised kerb: Install raised bus stop kerb	Tbc		
14.	Hamilton Road (B2056) / Telegraph Road junction	No connectivity on the pedestrian and cycle desire line on Hamilton Road: Physically connect the Victoria Park Shared Use Path and Telegraph Road Shared Use Path across Hamilton Road.	Tbc		

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

ATTACH 7

To: Cllr Ben Bano, Chairman of Transport and Infrastructure Committee,
Committee members
From: Kelly Lawrence, Transport and Infrastructure Committee Clerk
Date: 23 March 2021
Subject: Bird Scooters

Please see correspondence received below from Bird Scooters: -

Dear Paul,

I am getting in touch to introduce Bird scooters and to suggest that Deal Town Council may consider an electric scooter trial.

We are Bird - the pioneering electric vehicle sharing company dedicated to bringing safe, accessible and environmentally friendly transport solutions to communities like yours. We are best known as the creators of electric scooter ride-sharing, with the most experience and best technology in the industry, and currently operate in more than 160 cities around the world. We work collaboratively with the cities and communities we operate in, receiving praise from our council partners in each of our UK trials.

As you may know, the UK has begun to recognise the positive change we bring as towns and cities up and down the country are embracing e-scooter ride-sharing, with trials taking place in dozens of towns and cities across the country.

In the immediate term, safe transport is vital to help key workers travel to work and the public to undertake essential journeys in a covid-secure way. The Government has recognised that electric scooters provide a safe addition to public transport, allowing people to get to and from work without the need to travel in shared crowded spaces. In addition to our antibacterial self cleaning handlebars, we are the only operator whose scooters are cleaned daily with Public Health England approved products. When the UK comes out of national lockdown, Bird can also provide a safe and sustainable transport alternative, helping to support the re-opening of offices and the high streets in Deal

Looking beyond coronavirus, electric scooters can help the Council to reduce air pollution and carbon emissions, and support the UK to achieve its ambitious net-zero commitments. A recent study of the impact of e-scooters in Paris has found that they could help us reduce emissions from energy consumption by 68% by 2030. Here in the UK as research shows that current COVID transport restrictions could put an extra one million cars on the road, e-scooters provide a zero-emission alternative.

Electric scooters can be an important addition to the Council's transport options and we would like to explore how you could see these benefits delivered locally. We know that public safety, Covid security and reliability is important; and it is in those three areas that Bird is the world leader.

Yours sincerely, Bird UK General Manager

Decision required:

Members to consider how they wish to respond to this correspondence.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

ATTACH 8

To: Cllr B Bano, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee Members

From: Adrian Oliver

Date: Friday 26th March 2021

Subject: Transport & infrastructure Committee Projects & Other Initiatives Update
as at 26th March 2021

Project	Status	Active Actions	Next Actions	Committee Decisions	Significant dates
Accessibility Routes	HOLD	n/a	Post Lockdown	Post Lockdown	29/03/21
High Street Pedestrianisation	HOLD	n/a	Contact KHS (BB/KL)	tbd	n/a
Fingerposts	LIVE	Obtaining quotes	Quotes Assessment	Supplier Appointment	Work Complete 31/03/21
HIP T&FG	HOLD	Hold	Tbc		
Travel Routes Opportunities	PENDING	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Station - Access for All	LIVE	Correspondence with NwR	Meeting with NwR	n/a	n/a
Traffic Management	PENDING	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Other T&I Initiatives

Resolution	Status	Active Actions	Next Actions	Committee Decisions	Significant Dates
14/10: "Chairman write to Cllr Back from JTB to raise issues regarding local bus and train services and send a copy to Cllr Cronk in the hope that the subject can be added as an agenda item and be discussed at the next JTB meeting." 16/12: "ask Cllr M Eddy as a member of Walmer Parish Council to engage Walmer Parish Council in looking further at the electric buses."	LIVE	Done	Awaiting response	tbc	n/a
14/10: "To delegate the Chair and the Clerk to develop a response to the Kent Police Roads Enforcement and Safety survey on behalf of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee." Kent Police ANPR traffic flow data.	LIVE	Raised with Kent Police	Awaiting Response	Chase	n/a

16/12: "members to raise issues, to feed in any ideas for projects for Deal Station or other work aimed at improving travel, tourism, and economic regeneration in order to tackle the adverse impact of the Covid 19 pandemic and to support the work of the fledgeling CRP"	LIVE	-	-	tbc	n/a
10/02: "To note the written report and verbal update by Mr Ian Killbery and to contact by letter the Community Engagement Officer at DDC to request assistance in any future work with the local community when required."	LIVE				