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To all Committee Members: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee at the Town Hall on **Thursday 16th January 2025** at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Wednesday 15th January 2025 by email to <u>deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk</u> or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.

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Laura Marney – Committee Clerk Date: 9th January 2025

AGENDA

1	Chairperson's opening remarks:		
2	Apologies for absence:		
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.		
4	Public Participation and Statements received: For councillor information: Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.		
5	The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20 th November for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach 2	
6	DTC 3 rd HIP Application: Decision required.	Attach 3	
7	Accessibility Report - London Road & Golf Road Areas: Decision required.	Attach 4	
8	Draft Transport Strategy Consultation: Decision required.	Attach 5	
9	Committee Clerk Report: Information to note.	Attach 6	
	Date of next meeting: 12 th March 2025.		
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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.

Deal Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Deal, Kent, CT14 6TR The Minutes of the Transport and Infrastructure meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7:15pm.

Present:	Cllr M Walters (Chairperson) Cllr B Bano (Vice-Chairperson) Cllr S Brookfield (arrived at 7.50pm)	Cllr D Cronk Cllr T Bond Mrs C Dubber (Co-opted member)
Officers:	Mr. P Bone – Deputy Town Clerk Miss P Read - Clerical Officer	Others: 1 member of the public

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures and advised Councillors to put their mobile phones on silent.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr M Eddy due to a personal commitment and Cllr D Parks due to a personal commitment.	Deputy Town Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None.	
4	Public Participation : A member of the public addressed the committee on Agenda item 8. iii) regarding the traffic speed and volume on West Street, Deal.	
5	The minutes of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 th September 2024 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes for the Transport and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 th September 2024 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes. (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr M Walters. 2 For, 2 Abstentions. Motion carried.	Chairperson
6	 DTC 3rd HIP Application: Following debate members considered adding the following items to the 3rd HIP application and RESOLVED: To Include A drop kerb on the pavement at Ark Lane (North Deal) to allow wheelchair and buggy users safe crossing and access to the area. A pedestrian crossing on the Prince of Wales Terrace (A258) by Sondes Road and South Street, Deal to allow safe access to and from the beach. A pedestrian crossing by Deal Castle, Victoria Road (A258), to allow safe crossing. A drop kerb at Cowper Road, off London Road, at the intersection to allow wheelchair and buggy users safe crossing and access to the area. A drop kerb and pavement restoration at Grange Road, off London Road to allow wheelchair and buggy users safe crossing and access to the area. 	Committee Clerk/ R.F.O.
7	Southeastern Stakeholder Survey: Following debate. Members RESOLVED: That committee members, including co-opted member Mrs. C Dubber of Deal Speaking up Group, complete the questionnaire individually online using the link provided. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr S Brookfield. All agreed.	Committee Members

8	Correspondence received (i) Deal Speaking Up Group – Lack of buses for Golf Road GP Surgery: Following debate. Members RESOLVED: For the Chairperson to write a formal letter to the East Kent Stagecoach Director and Louise Sills, Operations Manager for Stagecoach Dover Depot to urge them to provide additional runs on the 84-bus service that extend to 6:30pm and emphasise Deal residents' Health and Safety concerns regarding access to medical treatment at the Golf Road GP surgery. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	Chairperson
	 (ii) Manor Road – Road safety: Following debate. Members RESOLVED: That the Committee Clerk writes a response in support of introducing traffic calming measures on Manor Road and informs them that DTC will be arranging a visit from KCC to address the Council on what calming measures are available and how to include this in a HIP application. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr S Brookfield. All agreed. 	Chairperson/ Committee Clerk/ R.F.O.
	 (iii) West Street - Traffic speed & volume: Following debate. Members RESOLVED That the Committee Clerk invite Nicola Floodgate, Road Safety and Active Travel Group Manager, Kent County Council to a committee meeting to advise on how to make a successful application for 20-mile-an-hour zones in Deal. (P) Cllr S Brookfield (S) Cllr B Bano. All agreed. Members further RESOLVED: that the Committee Clerk write to KCC to ask them to do a traffic volume survey in West Street to measure the volume of traffic. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr B Bano. All agreed. 	Committee Clerk
9	Future Project Plans: Following debate. Members RESOLVED to note the information. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr S Brookfield. All agreed.	Committee members
10	Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: to note the Information. (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	Committee members
	The Chairperson confirmed the next T&I meeting is to be on 16 th January 2025 and closed the meeting at: 8:36pm	Chairperson

ATTACHMENT 3

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

- **To:** Cllr M Walters, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
- From: Mrs L Marney Committee Clerk & Mr P Bone Deputy Town Clerk

Date: 3rd January 2025

Subject: Highways Improvement Plan – 3rd Draft Application

As Transport & Infrastructure Committee members are aware, we are currently preparing our 3rd HIP application, which needs to be submitted to the KCC EHI Team in May 2025.

The Committee Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were advised by the KCC EHI Team last year that an application should have not have too many priorities on it to be justifiably considered, and exact location points with relevant information would be required for specific works i.e. road crossings, drop kerbs.

At the November 2024 meeting this was discussed and Members RESOLVED: To Include

- 1) A drop kerb on the pavement at Ark Lane (North Deal) to allow wheelchair and buggy users safe crossing and access to the area.
- 2) A pedestrian crossing on the Prince of Wales Terrace (A258) by Sondes Road and South Street, Deal to allow safe access to and from the beach.
- 3) A pedestrian crossing by Deal Castle, Victoria Road (A258), to allow safe crossing.
- 4) A drop kerb at Cowper Road, off London Road, at the intersection to allow wheelchair and buggy users safe crossing and access to the area.
- 5) A drop kerb and pavement restoration at Grange Road, off London Road to allow wheelchair and buggy users safe crossing and access to the area.

Following previous contact with the KCC EHI Team any repairs to pavements and drop kerbs should be reported on to the KCC website for repairs.

An updated draft of the Deal Town Council 3rd Highways Improvement Plan is attached, which includes the above items.

Recommendation: The Grange Road restoration of the drop kerb and pavement be logged on to the KCC Website for works to be actioned and removed from the 3rd HIP application.

Decision required: Members to agree to the above recommendation and to consider any further suggestions for the 3rd HIP application.

Highways Improvement Plan 3rd Application (Draft)

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1		ACTION PLAN – Stage 2			
Priority	Location	Problem and suggested remedy	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Action/Programme (Who/When)
1.	Cowper Rd off London Rd	No safe crossing at this intersection for wheelchair and buggy users which is hindering access to this area – drop kerb needed.		КСС	
2.	Grange Rd off London Rd	No safe crossing for wheelchair and buggy users which is hindering access to this area – drop kerb and pavement restoration needed.		KCC	Remove from the 3rd HIP, as restoration of pavement and Kerb to be placed on KCC website.
3.	Ark Lane (North Deal)	No safe crossing for pedestrians and wheelchairs users to cross the road – drop kerb needed.		KCC	
4.	Prince of Wales Terrace/Sondes Road – South Street	No safe crossing for pedestrians to access beach, vast number of people just cross anywhere – an urgent pedestrian crossing needed.		KCC	
5.	Deal Castle, Victoria Rd (A258)	No safe crossing for pedestrians – a pedestrian crossing needed.		КСС	

ATTACHMENT 4

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr M Walters, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee

From: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk

Date: 8th January 2024

Subject: Accessibility Report (London Rd & Golf Rd Areas)

The Committee Clerk has received details of accessibility problems in the London Road and Golf Road areas of Deal from the Deal Speaking Up group.

The Committee Clerk has collated a report using the information received from the Deal Speaking Up group, **see attached.**

Following the information stated in the attached report:

- Pavement repairs are needed at western road by fire station and left-hand side of London Road from Grange Road to The Grove and coming down London Road from St Leonard's Church on the right-hand side
- Drop Kerbs repairs are needed at Golf Road leading to Harold Road, Sandown School entrance, Grove Road off London Road, Lion Court off London Road and Grange Road
- Uneven drainage channels on the pavement along the right side of Western Road to Ark Lane.
- Installation of drop kerbs at Western Road by Training Crossing, Golf Road (71-81), Darracott Close and Milestone Road are needed as there is not safe place to cross for wheelchair and buggy users at these locations.

Recommendations:

- 1) All above pavement repairs be reported on to the KCC Website by the Committee Clerk.
- 2) All above drop kerbs repairs be reported onto the KCC Website by the Committee Clerk.
- 3) Uneven drainage channels on the pavement on the right side of Western Road down to Ark Lane be reported on to the KCC Website by the Committee Clerk
- Locations for Drop kerbs installation at Western Road by Training Crossing and Golf Road (71-81) Darracott Close and Milestone Road to be placed onto the DTC 3rd HIP application.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendations.

Accessibility Report – December 2024

Golf Road Area

1.Coming down Western Road from the fire station, the left side leading to the train crossing has no drop kerb, the right side is very uneven and difficult to use.



2. No drop kerb to allow safe crossing leading to houses 71-81 of Golf Road. Drop kerbs were present on the other side (Athelstan Place) but to use these would require crossing the road using dropped driveways that are not adequate.



3. Improvements to Drop kerb at Sandown school entrance. There are dropped kerbs on both sides of the school gate. However, these were not tactile and one of them was still slightly raised.



4. Golf road turning onto Harold Road, the drop kerb is slightly raised making it extremely difficult to use for a wheelchair or buggy user.



5. At least 4 deep drains were spotted along the right path on Western Road which can cause a painful jolt when traveled across in a wheelchair. Picture from 1st drain outside Prism Tech, after which they continue down the right-side path until approaching Ark Lane.



6. The right path on Western Road by the fire station is very narrow and uneven due to steep drives, the left path is wider and flatter however this is sometimes unavailable because of parked vehicles.



London Road Area

1. First set of drop kerbs at turning to The Grove are not properly dropped. These are uneven which could cause a lightweight powerchair or scooter to tip over.



2. At the entrance to Lion Court on London Road, the drop Kerb was covered by grass, also not enough room to <u>manoeuvre</u> passed the wall.



3. The Drop kerb at Grange Road is not properly dropped, posing difficulties for wheelchair, buggy and even pedestrians.



4. Walking from town on the right-hand side of London Road going towards the hospital, there were several areas of badly cracked and uneven paving slabs, which are trip hazards and dangerous for the visually impaired.



5. On the Victoria hospital of London Road towards St Leonard's Church. No drop kerbs present at Darrcott Close, leaving wheelchair users dependent on driveways which are often unsuitable.



6.Going towards Saint Leonard's Church, the drop kerb at Milestone Road is difficult to <u>manoeuvre</u> due to its positioning, this is a safety issue for wheelchair and buggy users.



7. Coming down London Road from St Leonard's Church on the right-hand side, the pavement has areas badly in need of repair, some slabs were uneven and cracked which is a safety issue for pedestrians unsteady of their feet and for wheelchair and buggy users.





DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr M Walters – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee, All Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 6th January 2025

Subject: TfSE – Draft Transport Strategy Consultation

Transport for the South East have published a new draft Transport Strategy for consultation. The strategy sets out their vision for the South East, detailing their plans to improve the transport system to grow the economy, better connect communities in the South East and reach net zero in the decades to come.

TfSE have co-created this strategy with their partners based around the delivery of five Missions which will best address the key challenges the region faces and have the biggest impact.

These Missions are:

- Improving strategic connectivity between our major urban areas and with international gateways, especially by public transport, which is crucial for economic growth.
- Improving the resilience of the transport network, so that it offers reliable journeys and can respond to current and future risks to its operation.
- Tackling the inclusion and integration challenges facing our communities, such as transport-related social exclusion and providing a joined-up transport network to enhance connectivity and improve people's lives.
- Decarbonising our surface transport network, which is essential if we are to meet our climate change goals.
- Achieving sustainable growth through planned housing and employment growth which has sustainable transport at its heart.

TfSE are asking residents, businesses and interested groups in the region to take part in a consultation to give their views on the proposal, the survey will take about 20/30 minutes to complete.

The consultation can be found by clicking on the following link: public consultation

This survey is open until 7th March 2025.

Recommendations:

- 1. Due to the vast number of questions included in this consultation, members to complete this consultation individually online using the link provided.
- 2. Due to the important nature of this consultation, send to all Deal Town Councillors to complete.
- 3. Communication Officer to place this consultation on the DTC website for residents of Deal to complete.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendations.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr M Walters – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee, All Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 8th January 2025

Subject: Committee Clerk Report

Please see below updates for information only.

DTC 2nd HIP Application Update

The Committee Clerk has received the following update from the KCC EHI Team regarding priorities that were submitted in our 2nd HIP application in May 2024:

Hamilton Road, junction with Mill Hill

There is insufficient footway width outside no. 187A Mill Hill and there is no guarantee that the private frontage outside this property would not be stopped up in the future. Therefore, KCC Officers suggest installing dropped kerbs in the following locations instead, to facilitate the movement of pedestrians at this junction:

- outside and opposite no. 282 Mill Hill
- outside and opposite no. 264 Mill Hill

Mill Hill, junction with Manor Road

There is insufficient footway width outside no. 5B Mill Hill. Therefore, KCC Officers suggest installing dropped kerbs at the following location instead, to facilitate the movement of pedestrians at this junction:

• outside and opposite no. 340 Mill Hill

Beach Street, junction with Sondes Road

A dropped kerb outside the Timeball Tower is not feasible due to the location of the bus stop. Therefore, KCC suggest installing dropped kerbs at the following location instead, to facilitate the movement of pedestrians at this junction:

 outside and opposite no. 1 Prince of Wales Terrace (note the waste bin and/or bench may require moving)

St. Richards Rd, between the junction of Alexandra Dr & St. Marys Catholic Primary School KCC suggest that a dropped kerb outside and opposite no. 148 St. Richards Road would be feasible.

There was no indication of costings for these measures in the update provided by KCC, or whether KCC would fund or part fund these. The Committee Clerk has contacted the KCC EHI Team requesting this information.

Correspondence received Manor Road – Update

At the T&I Committee meeting held in November following discussion, Members RESOLVED: That the Committee Clerk writes a response in support of introducing traffic calming measures on Manor Road and informs them that DTC will be arranging a visit from KCC to address the Council on what calming measures are available and how to include this in a HIP application.

The Committee Clerk contacted the KCC EHI Team, and they sent over the current Highways Improvement pack (see separate PDF attachment) which details everything relating to 20mph zones and traffic calming and this also gives an outline of the standard costs for these measures.

Correspondence received West Street – Update

At the November 2024 T&I Committee meeting, Members RESOLVED: that the Committee Clerk write to KCC to ask them to do a traffic volume survey in West Street to measure the volume of traffic.

The Committee Clerk has been in contact with the Engagement Officer at the KCC EHI Team and they will be installing a traffic and speed volume survey on West Street in February 2025, exact date yet to be advised, further updates will be bought back to the next committee meeting.

Deal Speaking Up Group – Lack of buses for Golf Road GP Surgery

At the November Committee meeting following a debate. Members RESOLVED: For the Chairperson to write a formal letter to the East Kent Stagecoach Director and Louise Sills, Operations Manager for Stagecoach Dover Depot to urge them to provide additional runs on the 84-bus service that extend to 6:30pm.

The Chairperson has written to the relevant contacts above and we are awaiting a response, once received the Committee Clerk will feedback to a future meeting.

DDC Parking Survey

The Committee Clerk received correspondence from Dover District Council that they were developing a Parking Strategy for the District.

The deadline for this survey is the 19th January 2025, due to this timescale it was not included as an item on the Agenda. Therefore, the Committee Clerk sent the relevant link to the survey to all Councillors on 3rd January to complete.

This survey has also been placed on the DTC website.