

Agenda Item No.

TO: JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 17th March 2008
SUBJECT: Swale Transport Strategy Update Report
BY: Project Manager
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update of work undertaken during the 2008-9 financial year to support the delivery of the transport strategy

Implications: Human Resources Implications – None; delivery is by existing resources or through partnerships

Finance Implications – None; The strategy is used as a tool to identify projects which will in turn will help funding sources to be identified

Legal Implications: Non directly

Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17): Consideration during design/scoping process for individual projects

Equalities & Diversity Implications: Any projects implemented must improve accessibility to all transport users

Sustainability Implications: The transport strategy promotes the development of sustainable modes

Risk Implications: Non delivery of projects may delay new developments

Corporate Plan Implications: Priority 1 – Regenerating Swale. The work outlined in this report will contribute towards the delivery of the following policies: RS1, RS2, RS3, RS13, RS17, RS19.

Decision Required: Members are asked to note the report

Introduction

- 1.1 The Swale Transport Strategy was finalised and approved by the Swale Joint Transportation Board on the 26th September 2006. Annex A of this report will show the progress that has been made in the 2007-8 financial year towards the delivery of the strategy.
- 1.2 The annex has been split into the same headings as the strategy, and the progress against each of the challenges identified within that section.
- 1.3 Key Headlines:
 - Statutory Orders for the Northern Relief Road published, leading to a public inquiry in July 2008
 - Working group established involving Swale BC, Maidstone BC, Kent County Council and the Highways Agency to assess issues and develop solutions to

capacity problems on the A249, particularly at M2 junction 5. Funding has been secured through our partners to deliver a study and identify options

- Network Rail have confirmed that they will be constructing a new bridge within Sittingbourne station to provide full disabled access within the station. This should be completed by early 2009

1.4 There have been continued problems with delivery of projects by Kent Highway Services. It is hoped that the forthcoming restructuring will finally resolve these issues.

Decision Required

1.5 Members are asked to note the report.

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List of background documents: Swale Transport Strategy 2006-11