

Portfolio Holder Statements 2019-20

Councillor Alan McDermott – Leader of the Council

Overall responsibility for allocating Cabinet portfolios and overseeing the delivery of the Council's long term plans within the framework of the Council's Budget and Constitution.

Functions and Services:

As well as Leader of the Council with oversight of the annual budget setting and medium term financial strategy, I am Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation.

Responsibilities

- Planning policy
- Development management
- Heritage and conservation
- Planning Enforcement
- Land charges
- Building control
- Parking (on and off-street)
- Transportation
- Strategic Policy

Priority Projects

- Oversight of all priority projects
- Local Plan
- Additional car parking

Partnerships

- LGA
- Mid Kent Services Board
- Parish Chairmen's meeting
- Kent Council Leaders

Plans and Strategies

- Five Year Plan
- Local Plan
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Planning Policy documents
- Parking Strategy
- Transport Strategy

Plans for the year ahead

- Local Plan ("Regulation 18" and "19" consultations and Full Council decision on submission of Local Plan for examination by Planning Inspectorate)
- Support for local communities in the development of Neighbourhood Plans
- Review of Borough Transport Strategy
- Preparation of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Delivery of 21st Century Way Cycle Route (Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Centre to North Farm)
- Partnership working with bus operators through Quality Bus Partnership (Arriva/KCC) and multi-bus operator meetings
- Introduce and use Planning Performance Agreements (a project management tool to improve the speed and efficiency of determining major and strategic planning applications).
- Building control to improve market share
- Review of Parking Strategy
- Extension to Crescent Road Car Park
- Refurbishment of Torrington Car Park
- Introduction of littering and dog fouling enforcement

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