

## **Local Plan Working Group Update**

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<b>Classification</b>	For Information

### **Recommendation:**

1. That the report be noted;
2. That a briefing on the Transport Strategy for JTB Members to be held on 13 May 2019 at 6pm be noted.

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 In January 2019 a report was brought to JTB detailing the changes to the Local Plan Programme, and the appointment of the transport consultancy, SWECO, to compile the transport evidence base for the Local Plan.
- 1.2 The second JTB Members Local Plan Working Group meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Cllr Lidstone, Cllr Woodward and Parish Councillor Mackonochie attended. Cllrs Hamilton and McInroy sent their apologies.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The discussion centred around the initial findings of the consultants. The aspiration to improve connections between Tunbridge Wells, Paddock Wood and Tonbridge by sustainable modes of transport was welcomed.
- 2.2 SWECO are building a transport model of the existing network and will then add the likely site allocations to test how the network manages with the additional traffic. Requirements for public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure are also being assessed.
- 2.3 SWECO are working towards a deadline of the end of April to ascertain the mitigation measures required to accommodate the trips generated by the Local Plan growth. These measures will then form the basis of the Transport

Strategy that accompanies the Local Plan Reg 18 consultation beginning in August 2019.

2.4 The programme is as follows to meet this deadline:

SWECO completion of evidence base: end April 2019

KCC Leader and Cabinet Member briefing: May 2019

TWBC Cabinet Committee: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

KCC Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Reg 18 consultation: Aug/Sept 2019

2.5 In order to allow JTB Members to input into the Transport Strategy, a briefing has been arranged for 13 May at 6pm. All JTB Members are welcome to attend and join the discussion on the mitigation measures required to support the Local Plan.

### **3 Recommendation**

3.1 Members are asked to note the report and are invited to attend a briefing on 13 May at 6pm in the Town Hall.

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#### **Appendices to the Report**

- None

#### **Background Papers**

- None