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3 APRIL 2014

REFERENCE FROM JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD: FASTRACK

1. Summary

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet of the current position relating to future development proposals for Fastrack, and to seek clarification from KCC on the arrangements for the replacement of the Fastrack Vehicle Fleet.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet considers the attached summary of the presentation received from Kent County Council and that the Leader of the Council be asked to write to Kent County Council

- a) Noting that the current Fastrack fleets, especially on Route B, were nearing the end of their useful lives,
- b) Urging KCC to explore as many options as possible to facilitate the early replacement of the vehicles, and advise details of a replacement programme as soon as possible.

3. Background and Discussion

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Dartford Joint Transportation Board held on 4 March 2014 a report was presented on the future of the Fastrack bus routes.
- 3.2 It was noted that the report reiterated that KCC was committed to the Fastrack project and that it remained a priority for the County.
- 3.3 Members were concerned however that the current vehicle fleets were nearing the end of their useful lives and that no proposals had come forward regarding their replacement.
- 3.4 Accordingly it was agreed amongst other things to refer the report to Cabinet for its consideration.
- 3.5 A copy of the report is attached at Appendix A to this report and a draft of the relevant Minute is attached at Appendix B.

4. Relationship to the Corporate Plan

Not applicable.

5. Financial, legal, staffing and other administrative implications and risk assessments

Financial Implications	None
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Legal Implications	None
Staffing Implications	None
Administrative Implications	None
Risk Assessment	No uncertainties and/or constraints

6. Details of Exempt Information Category

Not applicable

7. Appendices

Appendix A – Report on the Future of Fastrack

Appendix B – Draft minute Joint Transportation Board 4 March 2014

BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Documents consulted</u>	<u>Date / File Ref</u>	<u>Report Author</u>	<u>Section and Directorate</u>	<u>Exempt Information Category</u>
Minutes – Joint Transportation Board 4 March 2014		Neil Murphy (01322) 343251	Member Services / ED	N/A