

REGENERATION, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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ATTENDANCE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FRONT LINE SERVICES

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Summary

This report sets out progress made within the areas covered by the Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services which fall within the remit of this Committee.

1. Background

1.1 The areas within the terms of reference of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee covered by the Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services are:

- Local Growth Fund transport projects
- Parking
- Public Transport
- Roads
- Street cleaning and waste collection/recycling/waste disposal
- Traffic management
- Transport Strategy
- Travel Safety

1.2 Achievements for 2014/15 are detailed by services area below.

2. LOCAL GROWTH FUND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

2.1 The process for securing funding for major transport projects is through Local Enterprise Partnerships. The South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SE LEP) covers the Medway area together with Kent, Essex, East Sussex, Thurrock and Southend Council areas. Government require a proportionate 3 stage, 5 case model assessment to be undertaken for each project.

- 2.2 In the past year officers have prepared Stage 1 Strategic Business Cases for a number of transport projects, which formed part of the Strategic Economic Plan for the SE LEP. This information was submitted to the government for project funding. The government agreed funding to four Medway projects and provisionally funded a fifth project which required additional information. Information for the provisionally approved project was prepared in consultation with the Department for Transport and funding allocation for the project was subsequently agreed.
- 2.3 Following government allocation of funding, work progressed quickly on finalising the Stage 2 Outline Business Cases (OBC) for all five projects. The OBC's were assessed by an Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) appointed by the SE LEP in accordance with the requirements of their Assurance Framework agreed with government.
- 2.4 The ITE provided comprehensive feedback on our five OBC'S on 10 February, with the deadline for a response back to ITE by 20 February for projects with a 2015/16 Q1 funding release – this applied to all of Medway's schemes. A significant amount of work was undertaken, resulting in revised OBC's being submitted to the ITE on 20 February.
- 2.5 Further feedback was provided by the ITE on Thursday 5 March to all Local Transport Authorities in the SE LEP. The ITE assessed all 2015/16 schemes in terms of:
- Value for Money (Benefit Cost Ratio value or BCR);
 - Level of certainty, principally regarding analysis.
- 2.6 The programme for the completion of the assessment was very tight, with recommendations from the ITE being considered by the SE LEP Board on 20 March. At the meeting all five Medway projects were agreed and funding released.

2.7 Agreed transport projects

- 2.7.1 Medway's Local Growth Fund (LGF) programme comprises the following agreed projects:
- A289 Four Elms Roundabout to Medway Tunnel - Journey time and network improvements;
 - Strood town centre - Journey time improvements and accessibility/public realm enhancements;
 - Medway City Estate - Connectivity improvement measures;
 - Medway Cycling Action Plan – Package of measures with the main focus on improvements to cycle network;
 - Chatham town centre - Placemaking, public realm and connectivity project (not part of Frontline Services portfolio)

2.7.2 £28.6m is allocated to these projects from round 1 of the LGF fund. This has been allocated to individual projects over a number of years. The break down of funding profile for each project is shown in the table below in £m's.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
A289 FER to Medway Tunnel	0.50	1.10	4.50	5.00	11.10
Chatham Placemaking	1.00	2.00	1.00		4.00
Strood Town Centre	0.20	1.65	6.65	0.50	9.00
Medway City Estate	0.10	0.40	1.50		2.00
Cycling Action Plan	0.10	1.10	1.30		2.50
Total	1.90	6.25	14.95	5.50	28.6

2.7.3 Government, South East LEP and the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership require quarterly progress reports on all funded projects. In addition, a complex package of metrics of outputs and outcomes are required to be regularly measured for each project. These will be project dependant but will include measure such as:

- Housing units completed
- Length of new cycle ways/roads constructed
- Commercial floor space occupied and associated rental values
- Journey times
- Air quality

2.7.4 The status of the five projects is detailed in the table below. Members will receive regular project progress reports through the Council Plan monitoring process.

Project	Status
A289 FER to Medway Tunnel	Provisional Outline Design of a new scheme has been prepared
Chatham Placemaking	Masterplan prepared and shared with Chatham Regen Board
Strood Town Centre	Consultant to be appointed imminently to prepare an Improvement Framework Plan for Strood
Medway City Estate	Delivering Phase 1 of improvements to aid vehicles exiting the estate during 2015/16
Cycling Action Plan	Key corridors being identified with works due to commence late 2015/16

2.8 Programme management

2.8.1 A small Medway LGF team has been established to programme manage the delivery of the funded projects together with developing pipeline projects. The team comprises a Head of LGF Transport Projects, a Principal Transport Planner (LGF Projects) and a Project Officer (LGF Project). The cost of this team is fully capitalised from the projects.

2.9 Pipeline projects

2.9.1 Officers in the LGF team are leading on developing a prioritised list of pipeline projects for potential funding through further rounds of LGF. Officers are working with the Thames Gateway North Kent Partnership to produce a list of projects required to deliver growth in North Kent.

3. HIGHWAYS

3.1. Adoptions & Capital Projects

3.1.1 The design team have a full programme delivering both the design & build and design only projects within the Local Transport Plan, LGF and a number of S106 schemes. A number of schemes have been completed and these include:

- St Marks Church
- A2 New Road – Road / Rail Incursion Project
- Strood Hub access road.

3.1.2 The Road Adoptions Team continues to work with developers to ensure their works are within the Medway standard requirements. Their larger schemes include:

- Chatham Waters – Phase 1 currently nearing completion
- St Marys Island – design complete awaiting developer funding

3.2 Highways Responsive Maintenance

3.2.1 Customer satisfaction surveys for the Street Lighting tracker continue to remain positive. This is now measured twice a year, rather than quarterly and the target is 80%. For this year the tracker scores were 85.5% and 88%, exceeding the target consistently.

3.2.2 Using Salix funding (a not for profit organisation, funded by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and provides interest free loans to public sector organisations for projects which reduce carbon footprint and energy use), we have completed an upgrade of the lighting on the roof of The Brook Multi Storey Car Park (MSCP) and will convert further lamps in Solomons Road, which runs behind this car park. This will bring reduced energy costs and provide a better carbon footprint.

3.2.3 The percentage of street lamps working at any one time exceeded 99% for the entire year.

3.2.4 The National Street Gazetteer Officer gained and maintained Gold standard, which is the industry expectation, throughout the year and won a Gold Performance Award in the category for “Address Data”.

3.2.5 The Public Rights of Way team continue to work with our Volunteer group, on maintaining the Public Right of Way Network. Our Volunteer group, Medway Towns Footpath Group, undertake work that equates to 12 hours per week in the winter months and 14 hours per week in the summer months. Their weekly work is only abandoned in times of inclement weather.

3.2.6 The Council continues to work with the Community Payback Team. This year additional links have been made with the Prison Service, who are using their resources to improve the Public Rights Of Way (PROW) network.

3.2.7 The Highway Inspectorate completed 100% of all targeted safety inspections on time, giving an effective regime of inspection, assessment and recording of defects/condition. It ensures the safety of all network users and forms Medway Council's defence, against third party claims.

3.2.8 Our Highway Inspectors:

- raised 4691 task orders for safety repairs across the network. This is down on last year, as consistently mild weather over the last few years has led to less damage to the highway. In addition, there has been a large amount of investment in carriageway maintenance this year, with additional funding from the DfT and a Prudential Borrowing Loan and this will have to reduce the need for minor repairs in more areas across the network. As we have needed to raise fewer small repairs, we have been able to repair larger areas, across the network, to try and protect and maintain the integrity of the network, now and in the future.
- received and dealt with 4888 service requests from customers.
- repaired 593 defects on the network themselves, using Viafix (a permanent flexible material) and saving the cost of calling the Contractor out for an emergency repair.

3.2.8 The Council successfully bid to the DfT, under the Pothole fund and were awarded £440,847. Furthermore, Council agreed to additional funding of £450,00. All of these monies were spent on resurfacing schemes, across the network.

3.2.9 In 2014/2015 the Council recovered £54,665, from third parties, who damaged street furniture across the network. Damage to furniture, by vehicular accident, is common and the cost of replacement is high. If costs cannot be recovered, this has to be funded from existing highway budgets and this represents a good recovery percentage.

3.3 Planned Maintenance

- 37 carriageway resurfacing schemes completed.
- The total length of resurfacing was 16,851 linear metres.
- 20 pavement schemes completed, totalling 10,139 linear metres resurfaced

3.4 Responsive Maintenance: Medium to Large schemes

- 57 intermediate carriageway maintenance schemes completed.
- 30 intermediate footway pavement schemes completed.

3.5 Winter Maintenance

- 3.5.1 The winter service period saw a mild winter with a lower than normal number of salting runs completed. There were, 92 salting runs in total and 2,161 tonnes of salt used.
- 3.5.2 Cleansing and Greenspaces teams were available to cover pavement and car park snow clearance however their services were not required as we did not have snow.
- 3.5.3 A trial was due to be undertaken to assess the effective use of mounting slush blades to the larger gritters in snow conditions, however due to the lack of snow this has been delayed to trial during the next winter period 2015/16.
- 3.5.4 The agreed trial for the Snow Wardens was put in place and a proposal to extend the scheme to all Wards is being presented this Committee.

3.6 Drainage

- 3.6.1 Of the 33,867 gullies were scheduled to be cleaned, however only 28,499 were actually cleaned due to issues such as parked vehicles preventing access.
- All A & B road gullies were cleaned twice during this period.
 - 15 soakaways cleaned
 - 35 flooding and drainage issue sites resolved
 - 203 miscellaneous requests
 - 58 flap valves cleaned, greased and or replaced
 - 48 roundabout gullies cleaned (401 gullies)
 - 40 CCTV drainage surveys carried out

3.7 Minor Works

- 53 Minor Works Briefs from other departments and 8 Ward Improvement schemes, which were all completed.
- 34 Medway Council bus shelters received maintenance.

3.8 Signs and Lines

- 650 Road Sign orders completed.
- 929 Road Marking requests completed.
- 473 Road Marking requests for Disabled Bays
- 81 requests for the installation of disabled signs
- All A & B road markings completed
- All Medway Council Car Parks road markings completed
- 22 roundabout chevrons painted.

3.9 Medway Tunnel

- 3.9.1 Proposal for LED lighting developed and officers will be looking towards a loan, built around energy savings to implement this scheme.
- 3.9.2 Additionally fire detection & suppressant systems, drainage equipment and emergency cross passage escape doors are items that will need replacing in the near future.
- 3.9.3 The quarterly overnight closures for maintenance have all progressed well and are on schedule.

3.10 Rochester Esplanade Retaining Wall.

Funding for Phases IV & V are being investigated but at the moment has not been identified.

3.11 Highway Retaining Walls

Pier Road has been identified as requiring remedial work. Initial work to make safe and to protect the public, has been carried out. There are a large number of utility services situated in the footway that has prevented the construction of a medium term solution. Further meetings are programmed to find a long term / permanent solution.

3.12 The Brook Car Park

An updated report for further concrete repairs has been commissioned with Amey. Essential repairs that are identified in the report will be completed 2015/16

3.13 John Hawkins retaining wall

Works to demolish and stabilize part of the far perimeter wall (Masonic Hall site) commenced in the summer. Officers managed to retain 80% of the car park area for use by the public. Works were subsequently delayed but are now almost completed and the works have aesthetically enhanced the area.

3.14 Green Street and Otterham Quay Lane Footbridges

The refurbishment of the footbridge at Otterham Quay has been completed. Works on the footbridge at Green Street are being progressed during 2015-16

3.15 Pembroke Interchange Retaining Walls.

The walls that flank Pier Road as it exits the Medway Tunnel have been damaged by a build up of water behind the brick cladding. Works are continuing, to clean the bricks and replace damaged and loose pointing. Maintenance and monitoring continue during the tunnel maintenance closures, Maintenance of the brickwork is ongoing

4 PARKING

4.1 Parking Schemes

4.1.1 Two parking zones were put in: Zone L Gillingham, extension to Zone M Gillingham and a further zone is scheduled to be put in for an August extension to Zone F Gillingham, all fully funded by developer contributions.

4.2 Parking Services

4.2.1 A Paypoint (Pay by Phone) trial has now completed and it has been agreed at DMT to roll this out throughout the authority once the new handhelds (mobile phone system) has been implemented into the enforcement team. The pay by phone will need to be fully procured due to the possible value of the contract. Over an 18 month period there were 2,731 registered new users. A combined total of £11,534.50 was received in income and a total transaction fee of £1,711.90 was paid to PayPoint.

4.2.2 This is currently being utilised in Blue Boar Lane and Corporation Street car parks in Rochester. This system enables our customers to pay for their parking, using their mobile phone.

4.2.3 Every member of the Parking Processing Team, who deal with all permits and (Penalty Charge Notices) PCN appeals, successfully undertook the City and Guilds, level 3, in Public Notice Processing. This is the industry standard for those working in Parking Services. The processing team are also about to embark on a City & Guilds Customer Services course which will enhance their customer care skills even further.

4.2.4 EPC (European Parking Collections) who provides a service to enable collection for PCN's issued to foreign vehicles is now up and running.

4.2.5 The new parking back office IT system is now up and running, there are currently day to day teething problems and Officers are working very closely with IT and Mouchel, the provider, to resolve these issues urgently.

4.2.6 On line permits are currently being worked on as part of the Better for Less project.

4.2.7 Bus Lanes in both Chatham & Strood are still working effectively with compliance building rapidly ensure the health and safety of the bus station patrons.

4.2.8 Replacement of external agency Civil Enforcement Officers with permanent members of staff is now almost complete, resulting in a dedicated team working together and committed to the service of Medway residents.

- 4.2.9 Liberty Quays permit scheme is now up and running and is being regularly patrolled and enforced.
- 4.2.10 An extension to the F permit zone within Gillingham is currently being worked on and is due to go live August.
- 4.2.11 Pay & Display operation is now up and running in the Market Hall MSCP (Tesco) Chatham, with a refund scheme for shoppers due to be implemented shortly. The car park now has a traffic order in place and is patrolled by the Enforcement Team, albeit this is now limited due to there being very few patrons utilising this car park following the closure of the Tesco store. The Market Hall MSCP (Tesco) Chatham closed on 4 April 2015 but the car park has been kept open to enable Gun Wharf staff extra parking facilities.
- 4.2.12 British Parking Association Safer Parking scheme run by Park Mark is a national standard for UK car parks that have low crime and measures in place to ensure the safety of people and vehicles. A Park Mark is awarded to each car park that achieves the challenging standards. This year the number of car parks awarded accreditation rose from 41 to 42.

5 WASTE SERVICES

5.1 Waste Collection and Disposal

- 5.1.1 The recycling rate achieved for 2014/15 was 46.1%.
- 5.1.2 Satisfaction levels, measured by the tracker survey, remain extremely high for all waste services:
- Refuse: 96%
 - Recycling: 85%
 - Household waste recycling centres: 79%
 - Street cleansing: 73%

5.2 Weekly Collections Project

- 5.2.1 After its very successful 2013 launch, in partnership with Veolia, the £14million DCLG-funded 'weekly collections' project has very much bedded in.
- 5.2.2 For every tonne of material that avoids a black sack, Medway saves between £35 and £110. By providing a convenient and comprehensive weekly kerbside collection of all materials, Medway has dismantled many of the barriers residents had previously highlighted that prevented them recycling. Our Waste Development Team has continued a programme of public engagement that encourages residents to reduce, reuse and recycle.

5.2.3 During the year Medway has seen considerable improvements in recycling tonnages and decreases in black sack tonnages. Black sacks have dropped by 760 tonnes saving Medway around £66k in disposal costs over the year.

5.2.4 In 2014-15 a combination of communication techniques were used to raise recycling awareness including:

- 13 articles/adverts in Medway Matters;
- press releases promoting home composting and recycling;
- a short video promoted on the Medway Matters website and broadcast on the Big Screen;
- 24,000 book bag leaflets to Medway primary school pupils;
- a double sided recycling leaflet was inserted into 112,540 council tax bills; and
- adverts run on the Medway.gov.uk carousel

5.3 Food waste collections

5.3.1 UK homes throw away over 7 million tonnes of food waste annually. In Medway this equates to approximately 30,000 tonnes of food waste which could be composted instead of being thrown away in black sacks. Around £40 is saved for every tonne of food waste collected by the organics service as opposed to refuse.

5.3.2 Where the physical nature of the street allows such a collection, all households now have access to food waste collections. Those that cannot accommodate a wheeled bin have been given (or offered) a smaller 23L food bin. Achieving this milestone successfully closes the original project plan for introducing weekly recycling services.

5.3.3 Caddy liners being sold at affordable prices at the libraries continues to be popular with residents, £1.50 per roll of 26 liners (available at all libraries from April 2014). In 2014-15 we have sold over 12,000 liners and estimate that caddy liner sales have potentially diverted 492t of food from black sack into composting.

5.4 Electronic and bulky waste collections

5.4.1 This successful partnership with SWEEEP of Sittingbourne and Veolia to collect WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment) from Medway residents' homes free-of-charge, recycled 314 tonnes of material during 2014/15.

5.4.2 Reusable bulky items such as sofas, continue to be collected free-of-charge by the charity, 'Neighbourhood Furniture Store'. During 2014/15, this socially aware service diverted over 19 tonnes of reusable items from landfill and back to those who can make use of it, saving the Council over £2,149 in disposal costs.

5.5 Bring site collections

- 5.5.1 Medway continues to receive a steady income from textiles collected at bring sites, generating £18,200 income last year and diverting 61 tonnes of waste from disposal.
- 5.5.2 Apart from the usual glass, cans, and paper banks, our small WEEE, 'TetraPak' (carton recycling), textiles, books and CD banks have helped us divert 193 tonnes from disposal in 2014/15.

5.6 Household Waste and Recycling Centres

- 5.6.1 Despite unfavourable trading conditions for some recyclables, FCC, our HWRC management company, continues to perform well and break new ground.
- 5.6.2 Having recently won a prestigious award for their 4-way partnership with the Council, the Prison Service and the charity, Abacus, in refurbishing and reselling cycles dumped at Medway's three sites, reuse is very much being championed.
- 5.6.3 Since June 2014, the project has seen over 900 discarded and broken bicycles deposited at our HWRCs being repaired, refurbished or used for spares by inmates at HMP Rochester. The bicycles are then sold at affordable prices through West Kent Housing's 'Abacus' reuse shops to new owners at an average price of £30.
- 5.6.4 Residents depositing no-longer-loved furniture and electrical items are also signposted to reuse containers where they either get resold to those financially hard-pressed or at a local auction house rather than being landfilled. This resulted in 87 tonnes extra recycling a saving of £9,842.
- 5.6.6 Landfill diversion and recycling performance has continued to improve under the current contract held by FCC. Since they took over running the three sites in 2010, they have reduced the amount sent to landfill by 48% and increased recycling. Along with closer customer engagement, these successes have been helped by FCC separating mattresses, paper and items suitable for recycling from residual bins. During 2014/15, these sites achieved an average 66% recycling rate - an all-time high!
- 5.6.7 Customer satisfaction amongst those that visit the sites remains extremely high with 99% overall satisfaction being recorded for 2014/15. This has increased from 2013/14 (97%)

5.7 Contract monitoring

- 5.7.1 Waste Services' monitoring officers have carried out over 3224 street cleansing inspections and over 2254 refuse, recycling and organic

collection inspections to ensure that the contractor has met our standards and provided a good level of service.

- 5.7.2 92 community clean-ups were supported during 2014/2015 by providing equipment and disposal of the waste.
- 5.7.3 Contract monitoring officers have carried out a customer satisfaction survey for our assisted collection customers. This resulted in 100 % satisfaction with the service overall and enabled an up to date audit of the total number of customers requiring the service. The results were a reduction in numbers which has provided £20,000 in savings.
- 5.7.4 Contract Monitoring officers implemented an idea whereby the litter bin liners on pole mounted litter bins are chained to the back plate of the bin. When the liner is damaged or stolen it is not always obvious to the litter bin user, litter is therefore not deposited into the bin but falls out of the bottom. By securing pole mounted litter bin liners to base plate with chain this has reduced the amount of liners that are stolen. Liners cannot be purchased separately as they are part of the purchase of a completed bin, by implementing this idea waste services has saved on litter bin expenditure and installation costs of £6,125 over 2014/2015
- 5.7.5 The Clinical Waste contract was successfully let and awarded to Tradebe, the contract term is for a three year period.

5.8 Operational services (pest control, graffiti removal and sign shop)

- 5.8.1 The in-house graffiti team continue to remove graffiti across the borough in a timely manner achieving 100 % of sites surveyed being free from graffiti. The Team remove graffiti, carry out the bin washing programme for approximately 1200 waste services litter/canine bins and jet wash highway areas that have become stained.
- 5.8.2 The Council's in-house sign shop production and installation service continues to support the needs of other internal departments providing a cost efficient and timely services.
- 5.8.3 Pest Control and Graffiti removal services continued to hit all service targets, providing a valuable, highly regarded service to residents and the wider community.

6. INTEGRATED TRANSPORT

- 6.1 The Integrated Transport Service manages the Councils responsibilities as the Traffic Authority. This year, funded through the Local Transport Plan (LTP), the service has been able to deliver or programme in the delivery of over 80 schemes and interventions to improve safety and reduce congestion on Medway's road network. As well as managing all public transport and permitting work on the highway, the service controls and maintains assets such as the Waterfront Way Bus Station, traffic signals, signs and electronic

messaging and operates a Traffic Operations Room. A summary of activities this year is shown below.

6.2 Sustainable transport improvements & parking schemes

- 6.2.1 The Villager community bus is an in-house service which provides transport for shopping and day trips for the elderly who live in more rural isolated areas of Medway. The benefit of this service to its users is recognised and valued, and has ensured that they remain active and are not detached from the wider community. As such, the Villager has a positive impact on social care services in Medway by ensuring users are less reliant on domiciliary care and other forms of social care support. There are currently 414 individual/family members on the Villager with 65 groups. From April 2015 to June 2015 39 trips were organised carrying 362 passengers with 28 group hires.
- 6.2.2 Arriva bus service changes came into effect mid July 2015. A publicity campaign saw road shows, a new area wide bus map and updates to websites, Real Time Info screens and announcements at the bus station.
- 6.2.3 The new Rochester Station is to open on 13 December and the main works, including improvements to the car park, landscaping, new bus stops, new controlled crossing and surface treatment will take place between September and December. All efforts will be made to minimise disruption and whilst works are taking place in the Corporation Street car park alternative parking will be available off Gas House Road, in addition to the existing car park at the old Civic Centre.
- 6.2.4 40 Traffic Regulation Order requests have been processed. 21 are now live and 13 are ongoing at various stages. 6 are no longer being pursued.
- 6.2.5 To date we have 38 schemes being progressed on 55 sites as some are junctions. We are completing the extension to the Hillyfields Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)
- 6.2.6 There have been 129 disabled bays installed and 50 keep clear markings in the past 6 months

6.3 Traffic Management

- 6.3.1 There have been 41 Scaffold requests received and 155 skip permits . This is a decrease on last year but that may be reflection on the amount of construction being undertaken.
- 6.3.2 In street works there have been 64 defects found this year of which 14 have been issued a fixed penalty notice. This is showing a downward trend on last year which indicates utility companies and developers are complying with the Councils requirements

6.4 Medway City Estate

6.4.1 As part of the improvements to traffic on the Medway City Estate, parking restrictions were introduced in April on Sir Thomas Longley Road and on the roundabout at the junction Whitewall Road and Sir Thomas Longley Road. Parked vehicles here impeded the two lane approach to the roundabout and restricted the movement of vehicles who wished to exit the Estate via Commissioners Road; the scheme is providing benefit but continues to be monitored.

6.5 Traffic Signals improvements

- Cuxton Rail Level crossing alterations
- St Marks Church Bus Stop improvements
- Dock Rd Wood Street Cycle scheme improvements
- Maritime Way signal improvements
- Chatham Waters signalisation of new traffic scheme
- Signalisation of Medway Tunnel to improve access to Medway City Estate
- Corporation Street improvements for new Rochester Station

6.6 Road Safety

6.6.1 57 Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) casualties were recorded in Medway during 2014. This is an increase of 1 compared to 2013. The additional 1 KSI was a collision resulting in a fatality. 57 KSI's is within target to reduce KSI's by 33% by 2020.

6.6.2 Examples of road safety interventions this year funded through LTP:

- New Road, Rochester – Road / Rail incursion prevention and local pedestrian facility improvement.
- Four Elms Roundabout, Wainscott – Junction lining improvements.
- Arethusa Road, Rochester – Uncontrolled crossing point improvement on school route.
- Maidstone Road, Chatham (near to Shirley Avenue) – Introduction of a new length of footway to create an accessible footway link, along with associated crossing improvements.
- Ratcliffe Highway, Hoo – Reduction in speed limit on rural route.
- A278 Hoath Way and A289 Wainscott Bypass – Removal of roadside hazards on high speed roads and improvements to vehicle restraint systems.

6.7 Safer Journeys Initiatives

6.7.1 Seatbelt Sled education delivery - 29 Medway school bookings accepted to date, with 1,775 pupils scheduled to participate

- 6.7.2 Road Safety education has been delivered to a total of 4,552 primary school children to date
- 6.7.3 Scooter training has been delivered to 609 primary school children to date with more planned
- 6.7.4 Approximately 3,000 secondary school students (including Mid Kent College) received the theatre in education production – ‘A Licence to Kill?’
- 6.7.5 450 secondary school students received the theatre in education production ‘Wasted’
- 6.7.6 Walking Bus – Up to the end of March 2015, the number of children participating on the Walking Bus in Medway stands at 698. There are a total of 50 active Walking Bus routes operating within Medway. An additional 98 classes in Medway are also signed up to the Walk on Wednesdays ‘WOW’ and Active Big initiatives over the 2014/15 academic year, with approximately 3,000 children from Medway taking part
- 6.7.7 Road Safety Campaigns – Think Bike; Global Road Safety Week and Child Seat Clinic at Monkey Bizz. Drink Drive campaign to come later in the year in partnership with Public Health.
- 6.7.8 Working in partnership – Life or Death School Access Initiative; Parking Pilot Initiative with Public Health.

Appendices

None

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Background documents

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