

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Regeneration, Community and Culture**  
**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Thursday, 10 December 2015**

**6.30pm to 10.20pm**

**Record of the meeting**

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

**Present:** Councillors: Carr (Chairman), Bhutia (Vice-Chairman), Brown-Reckless, Cooper, Etheridge, Griffin, Hicks, Johnson, Saroy, Stamp and Tejan

**Substitutes:** Councillors:  
Bowler (Substitute for Osborne)  
Fearn (Substitute for Iles)

**In Attendance:** Richard Hicks, Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture  
James Bilsland, Assistant Head of Legal - Place  
Laura Caiels, Legal Advisor  
Ruth Dulieu, Head of Integrated Transport  
Tim England, Head of Safer Communities  
Councillor Andrew Mackness, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services  
Phil Watts, Chief Finance Officer  
Ellen Wright, Democratic Services Officer

Representing the Community Safety Partnership

Councillor Andrew Mackness - Chairman  
Chief Inspector Simon Alland - Kent Police  
Martin Adams, Assistant Director Service Delivery - Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service  
Cynthia Allen, Director - Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company - Kent  
Dr Alison Barnett, Director of Public Health  
Neil Howlett, Community Safety Partnership Manager  
Keith Gulvin, Youth Offending Team Manager  
Councillor Mike O'Brien - Medway Council  
Geoffrey Wheat, Chief Nurse, NHS Medway CCG

Petitioners

Mr Grant  
Mrs Watson

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**548 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Iles and Osborne and Councillor Maple from the Community Safety Partnership.

**549 Record of meeting**

The record of the meeting held on 29 September 2015 was signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**550 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances**

There were none.

**551 Declarations of interests and whipping**

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other interests

The Chairman, Councillor Carr referring to agenda Item 5 (Petitions) advised the Committee that whilst one of the petitions asking for a 20mph speed restrictions in Darland/Watling Ward referred to the road in which he resided, he had not expressed an opinion on this issue and did not consider that he was biased or had predetermined the matter and had come the meeting with an open mind. Therefore, he would remain in the Chair for this particular item.

However, he drew attention to Agenda Item 6 (Annual Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership) and advised the Committee that as he served on the Kent and Medway Fire Rescue Authority he would vacate the Chair and not take part in the discussion and consideration of this item. In his absence the Vice Chairman, Councillor Bhutia would chair the meeting.

Councillor Saroy referred to Agenda Item 5 (Petitions) and advised the Committee that she resided in the Darland area and was Ward Councillor for Watling Ward. She confirmed that she had not expressed an opinion on this issue and did not consider that she was biased or had predetermined the matter and had come the meeting with an open mind.

**552 Petitions**

**Discussion:**

The Committee received a report setting out petitions received by the Council which fell within the remit of the Committee, including a summary of the responses sent to petitioners by Officers.

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The Committee was advised that two lead petitioners had requested that their petitions be referred to this Committee.

### Petition for a 20mph speed limit in the Darland area of Watling Ward

The Chairman welcomed Mr Grant to the meeting concerning his petition asking for 20mph speed limits in Darland/Watling Ward. With the agreement of the Committee, Councillor Purdy as Ward Councillor addressed the Committee and explained that Watling Ward was divided in two halves and dissected by the A2 Watling Street. She advised that although the petition referred to streets within Darland Area, the petition had been signed by petitioners from across the Ward and a second lead petitioner, Mrs Watson was in attendance and also wished to speak.

The Chairman, confirmed that he was willing to hear from Mrs Watson but stressed that the petition referred specifically to Darland and it was on this basis that the Committee would be considering the petition.

The Chairman then invited the petitioners to address the Committee on their request for 20mph speed restrictions in Darland.

Both Mr Grant and Mrs Watson outlined the issues which led to the petition. These included the speed of traffic in residential roads and the poor visibility for drivers exiting side roads due to nose to tail parking and tall vehicles. They requested that the Council consider the adoption of the 20s plenty scheme in Darland and stressed that this would involve low cost initiatives such as the erection of 20mph speed signs and painting 20mph speed signs on roads. Such a scheme did not involve engineering works or traffic calming measures, although it was accepted that these had also been used in some local authority areas.

The petitioners advised the Committee that this issue was not restricted to Watling Ward and suggested that the Council consider the adoption of 20s plenty across the whole of Medway in residential side streets.

The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture confirmed that the basis upon which the Council introduced road safety improvements was casualty reduction and therefore locations with ongoing poor road casualty history were tackled first to help prevent further casualties on roads. He suggested that if the Council was minded to support the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction based upon the 20s plenty scheme, it would be advisable for the Committee to receive a detailed report setting out full details of the scheme along with research as to how effective the scheme had been in areas where it had been introduced, along with the costs involved. The Committee could then take a measured and evidenced based view as to whether this would be a scheme that it would wish to recommend to Cabinet or Council for consideration either by way of a pilot scheme in a specified area or Medway wide.

The Committee discussed the possible introduction of the 20s plenty scheme both as an initial pilot and Medway wide and whilst there was a level of support

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for the introduction of a pilot scheme, the Committee noted that there may be other areas of Medway other than Darland where a pilot scheme could be introduced.

### Petition for the provision of parking facilities after 6pm at Church Street, Chatham

On the basis that the lead petitioner was not in attendance at the meeting, consideration of this petition was deferred.

#### **Decision:**

The Committee:

- a) noted the petition responses and appropriate officer actions set out in paragraph 3 of the report;
- b) having considered the petition request from Mr Grant and Mrs Watson, Officers were requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee setting out information on the 20s plenty scheme, along with information as to how successful this scheme had been in other local authority areas and the likely costs involved so that the Committee may consider whether it wishes to recommend to Cabinet or Council the introduction of the scheme either as an initial pilot or Medway wide in residential side streets; and
- c) agreed that consideration of the petition concerning the provision of parking facilities after 6pm in Church Street Chatham should be deferred on the basis that the lead petitioner had not attended the meeting.

### **553 Annual Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership, including the Draft Community Safety Plan 2016 to 2020**

#### **Discussion:**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting for this item.

The Vice Chairman welcomed all the partners of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to the meeting.

The Committee was reminded that the scrutiny of the CSP was last carried out in December 2014.

The Chairman of the CSP, Councillor Mackness advised that the CSP had undertaken an assessment of issues that had impacted on community safety in Medway and given consideration to potential issues and emerging themes/trends.

The draft Community Safety Plan 2016 – 2020 was appended to the report and contained five new priorities as follows:

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- Strengthening communities
- Supporting victims and tackling offenders of sexual and domestic abuse
- Tackling the harm caused by substance misuse
- Reducing re-offending
- Commitment to safeguarding and improving services.

The Committee then discussed various elements of the report and the action plan including the following:

- **The inability to obtain data for a number of targets and indicators** – In response to a question as to the inability to gather data for certain targets/indicators, it was confirmed that the CSP had recognised that there were too many targets, and that some targets were confusing and in some cases difficult to understand because the actual data collected had changed. It was confirmed that in future all targets would be in line with the strategic plan and be meaningful.

Chief Inspector Alland confirmed that the Home Office definitions of anti social behaviour had changed. Therefore it was not possible to compare current statistics to those held for last year.

- **Recognition that mental health had an affect upon a number of CSP priorities and in particular offenders** - In response to a request for an assurance that mental health was recognised as affecting a number of the CSP priorities, it was confirmed that the CSP partners fully understood and acknowledged that many people known to individual services had mental health issues. Reference was made to the Blue Light Project which ensured a link between various agencies for those suffering from mental health issues and alcohol and substance misuse thus ensuring provision of wrap around services for them.

The Youth Offending Team Manager reassured the Committee that all young people passing through the Youth Offending Team were screened for potential mental health issues and if necessary low level interventions were put in place. He also confirmed that the YOT Team could also fast track individuals to Child Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). In addition, he advised that earlier in the day the first meeting had taken place with a view to reviewing the protocol for Looked After Children who entered the Youth Justice System.

- **The CSP budget** - In response to a question about the level of budget available to the CSP and the type of items funded by the CSP, the Chairman of the CSP confirmed that the budget was available for a range of activities. He explained that it could be used to support the voluntary sector and, in addition it was open for bids from organisations for relevant projects. In the past, the budget had been used to support workshops, programmes and various projects including the provision of the community safety shop.

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- **The percentage of people who feel safe in Medway** – In response to a query as to the number of people who feel safe in Medway, the Chairman of the CSP advised that whilst 94% of respondents felt safe, this figure dropped to below 50% at night. It was considered that a major contributory factor to this reduction was the night time economy. However, it was stressed that perceptions were very difficult to measure. The Chairman of the CSP also commented that national events, such as the recent terrorist attacks in Paris also affected perception of safety and such issues that were outside the control of Medway.
- **Possible use of mobile CCTV to deal with flytipping** – In response to a question as to whether CCTV could be used to combat incidents of flytipping, the Chairman of the CSP confirmed that the Council had a very robust approach to flytipping and, as a result had had a number of successful prosecutions. In addition, it was confirmed that other partner agencies in the CSP who travelled around Medway were proactive in reporting flytipping to the Council.
- **Community Safety Shop** - In response to a query as to why the Community Safety Shop had been incorporated into the Smokefree Advice Centre, the Chairman of the CSP advised that the previous unit used for the Community Safety Shop in 2014 in the Pentagon Centre had not been available for use. He advised that the current location had a good footfall of visitors and feedback to date had been positive.
- **E Cigarette Shops** - A Member asked why an e cigarette shop had been permitted to open close to the smoking cessation shop and Dr Barnett confirmed that the sale of e cigarettes was not illegal. However, she confirmed that there had been several prosecutions in Medway against persons selling illegal tobacco and this would continue to be pursued.
- **'Licence to Kill' (LK2) Project** – In response to a query as to whether this project would be repeated, Martin Adams from the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service confirmed that this project had been delivered to 10,000 pupils in Medway schools and colleges in 2015 and involved a wide range of agencies. He confirmed that the project would continue in 2016.
- **Street lighting and visible policing** - In response to a Member's statement that an individuals perception of being safe was likely to be increased by the provision of good street lighting and visible policing, the Chairman of the CSP confirmed that the Council's programme of installing LED street lighting would improve visibility. He stressed that anyone who knew of street lights that were not working should report this to the appropriate Council department so that the problem could be rectified.

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Inspector Alland advised that the Chief Constable had confirmed that Police front line services would not be reduced. He added that in addition to Police Officers, PCSO's and Community Wardens were active in the community.

- **Gang Violence** - In response to a request for further clarification on the mention of gang violence in the Community Safety Plan, Inspector Alland confirmed that Operation Jupiter had been set up with a view to disrupting, dismantling, deterring and detecting gang activity. He informed the Committee that gang activity in Medway tended to involve individuals travelling to Medway from London and was generally drug related. He advised that a number of arrests had resulted from a recent Police Operation.

The Youth Offending Team Manager advised that the YOT Team worked with a number of individuals who had relocated from London to Medway so that they could move from areas where there were gang issues. Such individuals were dealt with robustly if they re-offended.

The Chairman of the CSP advised that the CSP had supported a bid for funding to the Home Office in 2016 for a Peer Mentor Project to end gang violence and that the aim was to work with other local authorities on best practice in this area.

- **Cyber crime** – In response a request for further information on cyber crime, Inspector Alland confirmed that this was an issue being dealt with by the Chief Constable.

The Chairman of the CSP stated that whilst this issue was beyond the scope of the CSP, everyone had a responsibility to have an awareness of radicalisation.

### Decision:

The Committee:

- a) thanked the members of the CSP for attending the meeting and answering Member's questions;
- b) noted that as a Policy Framework document, the Community Safety Plan would be reported to Cabinet on 5 April 2016 and Cabinet would be asked to formally consider and recommend the proposed Plan for 2016 to 2020, containing new priorities for the CSP to Council on 28 April 2016
- c) noted the responses provided by the CSP on the issues outlined during discussions.

## 554 Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services

### Discussion:

Members received an overview of progress on the area within the terms of reference of this Committee and covered by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services as set out below:

- CCTV
- Community Safety Partnership
- Travellers

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services responded to Member's questions and comments as follows:

- **Telecare and healthcare (Technology Enabled Care Services)** - In response to a query as to whether individuals who had Telehealthcare could utilise the service from another destination other than their usual place of residence, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that the service was transferable provided the individual concerned could use a telephone plug socket and advised the Central Service of the alternative telephone number. He also advised that there was an aim for the service to be based around use of SIM cards and that this would be introduced over the next 18 months enabling greater flexibility.

In response to a query as to whether Telecare/Telehealthcare would be available for those living in Sheltered Housing Schemes, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that they were currently available but in the future, the Council would be encouraging all housing providers to use these solutions and services.

A Member expressed appreciation on behalf of a relation who had received assistance from the service and the Portfolio Holder agreed to pass this information back to the staff at the Centre.

- **LGC Award Nominations** – In response to a query as to the reason for the LGC Award Nominations referred to in paragraph 2.4 of the report, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that these related to the work of the CCTV Team.
- **Out of Hours – contract opportunities** – In response to a question concerning the proactive approach to seeking further out of hours contracts for Telecare/Telehealthcare, the Portfolio Holder advised that on 24 November 2015, Cabinet had agreed to proceed with an Alternate Delivery Model to operate all its services through a commercial vehicle which would become operational from 1 April 2016. A Local Authority Trading Company (Parent Company) consisting of different subsidiaries would be established to trade various Council services with both the public and private sector. The new model was forecasting an



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accumulative savings and income of approximately £2 million during its first 5 years of trading (April 2016 – March 2021).

A Member sought an assurance that when the Control Centre is set up as a separate trading company and, the range and complexity of the services expanded, that adequate plans would be in place to ensure that the service was resilient and that staff undergo proper training to be able to deliver the new contracts. In response, the Portfolio Holder reassured the Member concerned that the priority was to maintain and build on existing staff at the CCTV Control Centre. He informed the Committee that he had been advised that all staff were supportive and excited about the expansion plans. He confirmed that there would be a clear structure of governance and an annual report to the Cabinet on the operation of the Centre.

- **Public Space Protection Orders** – In response to a request for information as to when the consultation exercise referred to in paragraph 12.2 of the report would be carried out, the Portfolio Holder stated that this would be undertaken in early 2016 and then introduced as soon as possible thereafter.
- **CCTV Control Centre** – In response to a request from a Member, the Portfolio Holder agreed that a visit to the CCTV Control Centre be arranged for Members in 2016.
- **White Ribbon Campaign** – In response to a request for more information on the White Ribbon Campaign, the Portfolio Holder advised that the Campaign aimed to prevent violence against women and promote respectful relationships.

He confirmed that Medway Council had been successful in becoming a White Ribbon Authority and its Action Plan had been endorsed by the Campaign. Medway now had six White Ribbon Ambassadors.

He referred in particular to the fact that key members at Gillingham Football Club were at the first football league club in the country to become White Ribbon Ambassadors.

A Member asked whether there was a similar campaign aimed at preventing violence against men by women. The Portfolio Holder advised that he personally was not aware of such a campaign.

He stressed that the White Ribbon Campaign was a national campaign and he encouraged staff to promote the campaign.

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**Decision:**

The Committee:

- a) thanked the Portfolio Holder for attending the meeting and answering questions; and
- b) requested Officers to arrange a visit for all Councillors to the CCTV Control Centre in 2016.

**555 Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2016/2017**

**Discussion:**

The Committee received a report setting out an update on progress towards setting the Council's draft capital and revenue budgets for 2016/17.

The draft budget was based upon the principles contained in the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/20 approved by Cabinet in September and reflected the latest formula grant assumptions.

In discussing the budget, a Member suggested that there may be opportunities for increased income generation on expansion of Greenspaces Service Contracts to cover private housing estates. The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture confirmed that this was an area being investigated.

A Member referred to paragraph 5.5 of the report and stressed the importance of digital transformation. She referred to a Local Government Association publication – 'Transforming local public services using technology and digital tools and approaches' and recommended that Officers and Members read this document. See weblink below:

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/11553/Transforming+public+services+using+technology+and+digital+approaches/ab9af2bd-9b68-4473-ac17-bbddf2adec05>

The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture confirmed that the early phases of the Council's digital transformation programme were progressing and more detailed proposals were being formulated to deliver significant savings over the medium term.

**Decision:**

The Committee:

- a) noted the draft capital and budget report for 2016/17 insofar as it related to this Committee; and
- b) recommended Officers and Members to read the Local Government Association publication – 'Transforming local public services using technology and digital tools and approaches'.

556 Council Plan Quarter 2 2015/2016 Performance Monitoring Report

**Discussion:**

The Committee received a report setting out the performance summary for Quarter 2 2015/16 against the Council's priorities for the Committee:

- Safe, clean and green Medway
- Everyone benefitting from the area's regeneration

The Committee raised the following issues:

- **Annual Jobs fair** - A Member sought information as to how the numbers attending the jobs fair were calculated and whether any of the individuals who succeeded in securing jobs at the fair were full time posts or part time Christmas appointments. The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture advised that he had no reason to question the attendance figures but he was unable to report at this meeting on the breakdown of the types of jobs secured. He therefore undertook to inform the Member direct of this information outside of the meeting.
- **Strood Town Centre Action Plan** – A Member referred to the proposal to put the Strood Town Centre Action Plan out for consultation in the New Year and sought an assurance that in doing so account would be taken of the Air Quality Action Plan. The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture agreed that this would be undertaken.
- **Parks and open spaces – decrease in satisfaction levels** – A Member referred to the slight decrease in satisfaction levels with parks and open spaces and yet noted that the Council had achieved Green Flags for seven of its open spaces. He therefore questioned whether the decline in satisfaction levels could relate to other open spaces that were not those awarded Green Flags. In response, the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture advised that 80% satisfaction was a good level of performance and only just short of the target of 85%. He confirmed that this would continued to be monitored.
- **Highway Performance Data** – A Member drew attention to the fact that information was not available for the satisfaction levels with road maintenance and pavement maintenance in the current quarter and if such information was available in time for the meeting of the Committee in January, it was suggested that this information be included in the report on the Road Maintenance Budget when that comes to Committee.
- **The methodology for assessing user satisfaction at leisure centres**  
In response to a question as to how information was obtained on user satisfaction levels at leisure centres, the Director of Regeneration,

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Community and Culture advised that user surveys were undertaken on a rolling programme at the Council's leisure centres.

- **Rochester Railway Station** – In response to a request for information as to when the new car park and railway station would be open to the public, the Director for Regeneration, Community and Culture advised that the surface car park had been opened on schedule on 4 December 2015 and the multi storey car park would be opening at a later stage as planned. The station would be opened on 13 December 2015.

### **Decision:**

The Committee:

- a) noted the Quarter 2 2015/16 performance against key measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2015/16;
- b) requested that Officers ensure that when consulting on the Strood Town Centre Action Plan, account also be taken of the Air Quality Action Plan;
- c) noted that the Director for Regeneration, Community and Culture had agreed to provide further information to a Member direct on information requested concerning the Employment Fair; and
- d) requested that Officers provide information on the satisfaction levels for road maintenance and pavements as part of the report on the Road Maintenance Budget when that comes to Committee.

### **557 Air Quality Action Plan**

#### **Discussion:**

The Environmental Protection Officer advised the Committee that the Council had a statutory duty under the requirement of the Environmental Act 1995 to produce an Air Quality Action Plan to work towards improving the air quality within three designated Air Quality Management Areas.

Public consultation on the Plan had been carried out between 8 June – 30 August 2015 following which 108 completed surveys and 19 individual letter responses had been received. Arising from the survey, the top three priorities identified were as follows:

- Encouraging greater use of public transport
- Promoting cycling and walking
- Procurement of low emission vehicles.

The Environmental Protection Officer advised the Committee that the approval of the Air Quality Action Plan was a matter for the Cabinet to determine and a report was due to be considered by the Cabinet on 15 December 2015. The options available to Cabinet were outlined in the report along with the implications of each option.

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The Committee discussed the report and the Environmental Protection Officer responded to a number of issues raised including:

- Consultation with DEFRA on the Air Quality Action Plan
- Discussions with Arriva on the Green Bus Fund
- Reduced pollution certificates for HGV's and buses
- Achieving Euro 6 emission standards
- Roadside testing
- Use of pollution eating patches for diesel vehicles and other commercial decarbonisation products
- Carsharing
- Provision of electric car plug in points
- Air Quality Management Areas
- Bids for potential funding if the Air Quality Action Plan is approved
- The relationship between the aims of the Air Quality Action Plan and the performance monitoring data for average journey times across Medway
- The issue of air quality when considering planning applications

The Environmental Protection Officer confirmed that he would respond direct to Members outside of the meeting on a number of the issues highlighted above.

It was noted that whilst there was limited external funding available for air quality projects, applications for such funding could only be made if a local authority had an Air Quality Action Plan

### **Decision:**

The Committee:

- a) noted the Air Quality Action Plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to fulfil the Council's statutory duty under the requirements of the Environment Act 1995 and supported referral to Cabinet for approval on 15 December 2015;
- b) noted that the Environmental Protection Officer would respond direct to Members on the following issues:
  - The Green Bus Fund
  - Reduced pollution certificates for HGV's and buses
  - Achieving Euro 6 emission standards
- c) advised the Cabinet that should the Air Quality Action Plan be approved this Committee supports Officers proactively seeking external funding as soon as possible.

**558 Tesco Store: Chatham**

**Discussion:**

The Committee received an information report confirming that the former Tesco store in Chatham had been leased to a national chain “Go Outdoors” and works had begun both internally and externally in preparation for the store to open in February/March 2016.

It was reported that “Go Outdoors” was a UK wide retailer of outdoor clothing, camping equipment and equipment for other outdoor pursuits such as horse riding, fishing, cycling and skiing.

The lease of the store would allow for the continuing operation of the adjoining business Coslo Homeplus which sells furniture and household goods.

A Member asked whether the introduction of a new store at the former Tesco site would result in a general tidy up and refresh of the site, including the car park area and the Director for Regeneration, Community and Culture confirmed that discussions would be undertaken with the new tenant of the premises regarding the possible improvements to the site generally.

**Decision:**

The Committee:

- a) noted the report; and
- b) noted that the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture would respond direct to the Member concerned in respect of discussions with the new tenant on the issue of improvements to the site including the car park area as requested during the meeting.

**559 Work Programme**

**Discussion:**

The Democratic Services Officer reported on the Committee’s work programme and drew attention to the following issues arising from the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee pre agenda meeting on 24 November 2015:

- On the basis that information concerning the average journey times across Medway was now regularly reported to Committee under performance indicator NI 167 NEW as part of the quarterly performance monitoring, this item should be removed from the list of outstanding reports.
- The review of shared use bay installation in York Avenue, Gillingham be reported to the Committee in June 2016 to enable a full six month assessment of the operation of the bays.

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- The outstanding report on how roads had been adopted in Medway in the past be the subject of a briefing note to be circulated to Members.
- The outstanding report on the outcome of discussions between Arriva and petitioners concerning bus services in Walderslade be removed from the list of outstanding reports in the light of the all Member briefing from Arriva on 19 November 2015 but that Arriva be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee in June 2016 to enable the Committee to undertake further discussions with Arriva on bus services in Medway.

The Committee was also advised that the report from the Housing Task Group would now be submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 29 March 2016 and that following discussion by each Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the Summer and, an informal meeting in November to which all Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Oppositions Spokes persons were invited, the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been recommended to agree that the programme of Task Group topics for 2016 should be as follows:

**Review two** (to follow the Task Group on Housing: demand, supply and affordability) to be lead by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- **How far has Medway gone in developing a dementia friendly community?**

**Review three** to be cross-cutting with membership drawn from the Children and Young People and Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

- **Employment Opportunities for 18-21 year olds (including apprenticeships)**

The Committee was further reminded that arising from discussions at this meeting the following items would be added to the Committee's work programme:

- A report on the possible introduction of 20s plenty scheme introducing 20mph speed restrictions in residential side streets
- Highway performance data to be included in the report on Road Maintenance Budgets when that report comes to Committee.

### **Decision:**

The Committee:

- a) agreed that the report on average journey times across Medway be removed from the list of outstanding reports on the basis that this information was regularly reported under performance indicator NI 167 NEW as part of the quarterly performance monitoring;

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- b) agreed that the review report on the shared use bay installation in York Avenue, Gillingham would be reported to the Committee in June 2016 to enable a full six month assessment of the operation of the bays;
- c) agreed the circulation of a briefing note on the outstanding report on how roads had been adopted in Medway in the past;
- d) agreed to the outstanding report on the outcome of discussions between Arriva and petitioners concerning bus services in Walderslade being removed from the list of outstanding reports and for Arriva to be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee in June 2016 to enable the Committee to undertake further discussions with Arriva on bus services in Medway;
- e) noted that the report from the Housing Task Group would now be submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 29 March 2016;
- f) noted the programme of Task Group topics for 2016 as set out at paragraph 5 of the report;
- g) agreed to add the following items to the Committee's work programme:
  - A report on the possible introduction of 20s plenty scheme introducing 20mph speed restrictions in residential side streets
  - Highway performance data to be included in the report on Road Maintenance Budgets when that report comes to Committee.

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