

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 22 October 2020.

PRESENT

Mr G K Gibbens (Chairman)
Mr M J Northey (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, MBE, Mr M J Angell, Mr M A C Balfour, Mr P V Barrington-King, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P M Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr R H Bird, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mr J Burden, Mr D Butler, Miss S J Carey, Sir Paul Carter, CBE, Mrs S Chandler, Mr N J D Chard, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr J Clinch, Mrs P T Cole, Mr N J Collor, Ms K Constantine, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P C Cooper, Mrs M E Crabtree, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs T Dean, MBE, Mr D Farrell, Mrs L Game, Mr R W Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr P M Harman, Mr P M Hill, OBE, Mr A R Hills, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr P J Homewood, Mr A J Hook, Mr M J Horwood, Mr E E C Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr P W A Lake, Mr B H Lewis, Ida Linfield, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr R C Love, OBE, Mr G Lymer, Ms D Marsh, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J P McInroy, Mr D Murphy, Mr P J Oakford, Mr J M Ozog, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr M D Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Mr K Pugh, Miss C Rankin, Mr H Rayner, Mr A M Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Dr L Sullivan, Mr B J Sweetland, Mr R J Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr M E Whybrow and Mr J Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Cockburn (Corporate Director Strategic & Corporate Services) and Mr B Watts (General Counsel)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

245 Apologies for Absence

The General Counsel reported apologies from Mr Bartlett, Mr Holden, Mr Manion and Mr Monk.

246 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests in items on the agenda

In relation to item 8 (Youth County Council), Dr Sullivan declared an interest as her husband was employed by the County Council as a Senior Early Help Worker (Open Access Youth Work).

247 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2020 and, if in order, to be approved as a correct record

(1) In relation to Minute No 240 (Report Under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989), Mrs Chandler, Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's

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Services, was invited to give a brief verbal update regarding unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC).

(2) Mrs Chandler stated that KCC's position on the arrival of UASC was subject to regular review and communication with the Home Office. KCC was not yet in a position to look after new UASC arrivals safely to the required standards and to continue to meet its statutory duty for all other children in its care. Work was continuing to reduce the caseloads for officers in the UASC team to a level where it was safe and sustainable to resume receiving UASC arriving at the port of Dover.

(3) Mrs Chandler confirmed that the Home Office was continuing to find placements for new UASC with other local authorities. KCC was a consultee on the National Transfer Scheme and had made strong representations for the scheme to be mandated.

(4) Mrs Chandler reported that the number of USAC had slowly reduced since 17 August 2020 when the total number was 605. Whilst a number of young people had been transferred to other local authorities, KCC's UASC number remained at more than double the safe level of 231 children. In conclusion she stated that, although the County Council was working towards finding a suitable and sustainable resolution, much would depend on the outcome of the Home Office consultation on the National Transfer Scheme.

(5) It was noted that a written update on the UASC situation would be submitted to the December meeting of the County Council.

(6) RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2020 be approved as a correct record, subject to the recorded vote in minute no 242 (Minerals and Waste Local Plan) being corrected to show that Mr Hook had abstained and Mr Whybrow had voted against the motion.

248 Chairman's Announcements

a) The Queen's Birthday Honours List

(1) The Chairman referred to the recent announcement regarding the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He congratulated all recipients especially those from Kent. In particular he congratulated Paul Carter, former Leader of the Council, on his well-deserved knighthood and Geraldine Allinson, a Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, on being awarded an OBE.

(2) He reminded members that the Covid-19 Honours nominations were still open and that further details could be found on the gov.uk website.

b) Kent County Council's Renewable Energy Team

(3) The Chairman stated that KCC's Renewable Energy Team had been part of a solar energy project at Northfleet School for Girls, which had won the national Green Business Renewable Energy Project of the Year Award. He asked members to encourage schools in their divisions to become part of the Kent Schools Energy Programme.

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c) *Charity Walk*

(4) Following his announcement at the last meeting, the Chairman said he had completed his 56 mile walk across Kent in aid of Porchlight and had raised over £4,000. He thanked everyone who had supported him and donated to the charity.

d) *World Mental Health Day and World Homeless Day*

(5) The Chairman referred to World Mental Health Day and World Homeless Day on Saturday 10 October. The social care and health pages on Kent.gov contained details of much needed Kent-based initiatives to support the most vulnerable in the community.

e) *Black History Month*

(6) The Chairman drew attention to Black History Month and the virtual celebrations organised in Kent. The Black and Minority Ethnic Forum had several virtual events taking place, including video messages from members of the forum sharing what the month meant to them.

f) *Poppy Launch 2020*

(7) The Chairman referred to the national launch of the Poppy Appeal. As it was not possible to hold the usual Kent Civic launch of the appeal he encouraged as many people as possible to purchase a poppy either online or at a local supermarket.

g) *Interfaith Week - 8 – 15 November 2020*

(1) The Chairman stated that this year Interfaith Week would be held from Sunday 8 to Sunday 15 November 2020. However, due to restrictions linked to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, interfaith work this year had moved online and was not restricted to interfaith week. The interfaith agenda sought to promote understanding, cooperation and good relations between organisations and people of different faiths and beliefs within the UK. The County Council had worked with the National Interfaith Network and local interfaith groups over the past three years to increase the awareness of both the public and public sector staff of different faith communities and to celebrate the contribution that faith groups made to local communities.

(2) The Chairman referred to the way in which interfaith work supported the authority's equality and diversity agenda and the Prevent agenda by increasing knowledge and promoting dialogue. He said that the Public Health England review on 'Covid-19, which had demonstrated disparities in risks and outcomes,' and the death of George Floyd, which had given voice to the Black Lives Matter movement, made it more important than ever to ensure strong dialogue across protected characteristics.

(3) The Chairman highlighted some of the interfaith celebratory events that KCC had supported over the previous three years including 'Diverse Open Doors' which saw many places of worship, including Canterbury Cathedral, Maidstone Methodist Church, Thanet Synagogue, Gravesend Gurdwara, the Pegan Community and the Unitarian Church opening their doors to the wider community. In addition, in

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response to requests from faith communities, an online resource and a 'local' map of faith groups interested in interfaith working had been developed and was available on KCC's website.

(4) The Chairman encouraged all members to attend the staff and member briefing on Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism which would be led by Dr Sham Qayyum from SOAS, University of London and Rabbi Alex Goldberg from the University of Surrey, with staff from KCC's Prevent and Channel team and Equalities and Diversity team. In conclusion he said Kent's Libraries would be offering a reading list and local history posts linked to interfaith work which would be shared via social media with partners and that work was underway to deliver virtual tours of Kent places of worship online.

249 Questions

In accordance with Sections 14.15 to 14.22 of the Constitution, 10 questions were asked and replies given. A record of all questions put and answers given at the meeting is available [online](#) with the papers for this meeting. Question 11 was not put in the time allocated but a written answer was provided.

250 Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)

(1) Mr Gough referred to the rise in Covid-19 infection rates and the introduction of restrictions in other parts of the country. Kent had a 7-day positive test figure of 48.4 per 100,000 which was 29% of the national rate and even in the worst affected districts in the county the rate was half of the national rate. He said KCC's response to the changing situation would be guided by a rigorous assessment of the data and the advice of the Director of Public Health, and that it was important to work closely with Medway and other partners. He acknowledged the devastating impact that restrictions and shutdowns had for the economy, livelihoods, physical and mental health and said that, in his opinion and that of the Director of Public Health, Kent had not yet reached the point where a local lockdown needed to be considered. He urged all Kent residents to continue to follow rules and public health guidance to prevent the growth of infections in the county and the damaging effects of the consequent restrictions.

(2) In relation to the economic impacts of Covid-19, Mr Gough agreed that even while the county was in tier 1 the impact was significant. Unemployment had more than doubled and 244,000 people had been furloughed across the county. He referred to the launch of the economic renewal and resilience plan in August, the re-launch of the Kent and Medway business fund and the establishment of the multi-agency Employment Taskforce, under his chairmanship, whose focus was to ensure that business and job seekers had a clear picture of the jobs and support available, as well as linking re-skilling initiatives with job opportunities.

(3) Mr Gough referred to the planning consultations that had been reported to Cabinet. In response to the Government's consultations on changes to the planning system, including the new methodology for the housing needs assessment, and the planning white paper, KCC members had emphasised the importance of appropriate and timely building of infrastructure to support development and had raised concerns

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about: housing numbers; the impact on local democracy; and the implications for strategic planning.

(4) Mr Gough said that the review of the first tranche of funding for Active Travel, which had been reported to Cabinet, indicated that the Government's timescales had resulted in inadequate engagement with communities about the schemes, and that better engagement would be central to travel schemes funded from tranche two.

(5) Mr Gough said the devolution white paper, which he referred to at the County Council meeting in September, had now been deferred until the spring. He emphasised the importance of a voluntary approach and a range of non-structural solutions and highlighted the principles set out in September including sustaining the delivery of large-scale services, and the importance of Kent and Medway continuing to work together in the interests of communities in Kent and Medway.

(6) In relation to the Strategic Plan which had been deferred from March 2020, Mr Gough said an interim version, covering the next 18 months, had been developed and members could contribute before it was submitted to the next meeting of the County Council on 10 December 2020.

(7) In conclusion Mr Gough referred to the strong response to the current budget consultation which was due to close on 24 November and which was vital to the setting of priorities in difficult times.

(8) Mr Bird, the Leader of the Opposition, started by expressing concern about government handling of Covid-19, including the test, track and trace system, the Brexit transition period, rising unemployment and contract management.

(9) Mr Bird commended the close working relationship between Kent and Medway's Directors of Public Health. He hoped that Kent would be spared going into Tier 2 conditions and if Kent was ever considered for Tier 3 conditions that there would not be inappropriate pressure from government.

(10) Mr Bird thanked Mrs Chandler for her update on UASC and supported the robust line that the administration had taken with the government. KCC's experience since August had strengthened the view that there must be a mandatory national transfer scheme, not only to spread the unfair costs incurred by Kent but also to ensure that young people needing care receive the best possible service.

(11) Regarding the governments planning proposals, which Mr Bird considered to be unacceptable and unrealistic, he stated that he was pleased with the robust response that had been submitted by the Leader and the cabinet member for economic development to the government consultations.

(12) Mr Bird welcomed the economic initiatives referred to by Mr Gough but stated that there was more to be done, especially for young people who had recently left education, there was a need to be creative to help them acquire the skills needed for employment to enable them to take advantage of the recovery.

(13) Mr Bird stated that more needed to be done to address widening education inequalities and there was a need to know which Kent schools had missed out on government catch up funding.

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(14) Mr Bird highlighted the mishandling by the DfT of the first tranche of the Active travel funding by providing insufficient time for public consultation and engagement, consequently although some Kent schemes had been well received others had not and lessons needed to be learned before the second tranche was implemented.

(15) Mr Bird commended the work undertaken by Kent Highways to implement a proactive approach to drains and gullies maintenance and, if successful, he hoped that the scheme would be rolled out across the county.

(16) In conclusion Mr Bird stated that he was confident that KCC's staff would continue to do their best whatever happened over the winter despite a very difficult year. He referred to the people of Kent and the enormous challenges that they had faced and hoped that we would be through this situation soon and looked forward to better times.

(17) Mr Farrell, Leader of the Labour Group, stated that his response would outline just what the people of Kent had been experiencing over the last few months. He referred to the lack of clarity in the guidance regarding the hospitality industry, and the disproportionate impact that the curfew had when that sector accounted for only 5% of transmission and called for the end of the curfew.

(18) Mr Farrell acknowledged that the end of furlough payments was decided when it was thought that social distancing would end in October, instead he stated that we were heading back to more restrictions with less financial support and we were about to lose entire sections of the economy. He referred to the governments preparations for the anticipated growth in unemployment by 2021, by the introduction of job coaches for up to 2 hours for jobs that either didn't exist or the government wouldn't support due to lack of work at the moment.

(19) Mr Farrell suggested that in addition to publishing daily infection and death rates we would also need to publish daily suicide and redundancy figures to reflect the impact that Covid-19 was having.

(20) Mr Farrell stated that SAGE had said that the Test and Trace system was only having a marginal impact on transition rates, he outlined the flaws in the contracting process and implementation processes for the governments Test and Trace system and ordering of PPE and the lack of accountability.

(21) In relation to criticism at national level of "playing party politics", Mr Farrell stated that it was not playing party politics to stand up for those facing the biggest impact, in terms of economic and health outcomes, from Covid-19. In conclusion he stated that he would expect the leadership of the County Council to support the people of Kent and not to accept further restrictions without adequate economic support.

(22) Mr Whybrow, Leader of the Independents Group, congratulated the Chairman on completing his sponsored walk in aid of Porchlight. He thanked the Leader for his thoughtful and eloquent contribution to Folkestone and Hythe's Black History Month which had been much appreciated. He stated that he believed that the County Council was compassionate and took its duty of care seriously and stated that

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Members should think carefully about how they communicated on sensitive issues especially in relation to asylum-seekers.

(23) Mr Whybrow referred to the award, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, of the British Empire Medal to Cleo Smith of Age UK Hythe and Lyminge in recognition of her work in setting up Kent's first Covid-19 community support hub. He referred to the impact that the current situation was having on mental health, both for residents and also KCC staff. Also the impact on those entering the job market. He expressed the view that a reboot of the Countries priorities was necessary, putting people's health and wellbeing at the centre. Local government should be at the centre of designing and delivering a fit for purpose fully funded public health strategy as part of a 3 year government financial settlement. He hoped that KCC's Strategic Plan would reflect the change in priorities.

(24) In replying to the other Leaders' comments, Mr Gough gave an assurance that if greater restrictions were imposed on Kent he would, as he had already done in relation to the UASC situation, stand up for Kent, "speak truth to power" and take actions in the best interests of Kent.

(25) Regarding the use of the "catch up fund" for education, Mr Gough stated that it was managed by central government and schools were not obliged to share information about it with KCC; however, amongst the primary sector, it appeared that many schools were complying with guidance from the Education Endowment Foundation.

(26) Mr Gough re-iterated the importance of the close working relationship with Medway Council, however, he also acknowledged that circumstances relating to the pandemic could be different in parts of Kent and parts of Medway. He was confident that such differences could be managed effectively because of the strong working relationship.

(27) RESOLVED that the Leaders report be noted.

251 EU Transition Preparedness - Kent County Council Update

(1) Mr Gough moved and Mr Payne seconded the following motion :

"County Council is asked to:

(1) Note the national and local preparations for the end of the EU Transition phase.

(2) Endorse Kent County Council's priorities for urgent Government action to resolve the outstanding issues as highlighted in the paper."

(2) Following the debate the Chairman put the motion set out in paragraph (1) above to the vote and the voting was as follows:

For (62)

Mrs Allen, Mr Angell, Mr Balfour, Mr Barrington-King, Mrs Bell, Mrs Beresford, Mrs Binks, Mr Bond, Mr Brazier, Mr Burden, Miss Carey, Sir Paul Carter, Mrs Chandler, Mr Chard, Mr Chittenden, Mr Clinch, Mrs Cole, Mr Collor, Miss Constantine, Mr

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Cook, Mr Cooke, Mrs Crabtree, Mr Dance, Mrs Dawson, Mr Farrell, Mrs Game, Mr Gough, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Harman, Mr Hill, Mr Hills, Mr Homewood, Mr Horwood, Mr Hotson, Mrs Hurst, Mr Kite, Mr Lake, Mr Lewis, Mr Long, Mr Love, Mr Lymer, Mr Marsh, Mrs Marsh, Mr McInroy, Mr Murphy, Mr Northey, Mr Oakford, Mr Ozog, Mr Pascoe, Mr Payne, Mrs Prendergast, Mr Pugh, Miss Rankin, Mr Rayner, Mr Ridgers, Mr Simkins, Dr Sullivan, Mr Sweetland, Mr Thomas, Mr Whiting, Mr Whybrow, Mr Wright.

Against (0)

Abstain (6)

Mr Bird, Mr Daley, Mrs Dean, Mr Hook, Mr Koowaree, Ida Linfield,

Motion carried

(3) RESOLVED that the national and local preparations for the end of the EU Transition phase be noted and Kent County Council's priorities for urgent Government action to resolve the outstanding issues as highlighted in the report be endorsed.

252 Youth County Council Annual report

(1) Mrs Chandler moved and Mrs Prendergast seconded the following motion:

“County Council is asked to note the Youth County Council Annual Report 2019-20 and consider the following recommendations set out in the covering report which relate to each of the KYCC Campaigns.”

(2) The Chairman welcomed three Members of Kent Youth County Council, Freddie Gardner, Lacie Ingram and Jordan Mothersole to the meeting and invited them to give a presentation on their annual report and to answer questions from Members.

(3) The Chairman thanked the Youth County Councillors for attending the meeting and answering questions on their report. The motion as set out in paragraph (1) above was agreed without a formal vote.

(4) RESOLVED that the Youth County Council Annual Report 2019-20, and the consideration of the recommendations set out in the covering report which related to each of the KYCC Campaigns be noted.

253 ACCESS Pool Inter-Authority Agreement

(1) Mr Simpkins moved and Mr Chard seconded the following motion:

“Council is asked to agree:

(1) To enter into the revised ACCESS Pool Inter-Authority Agreement as attached at appendix 2

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(2) That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer to enter into relevant contracts and other legal agreements as required to implement this decision; and

(3) That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer to, following consultation with the Chair of the Superannuation Fund and the General Counsel, agree future updates to the Inter-Authority Agreement providing no additional delegation of further formal Council powers are required.”

(2) Following the debate the Chairman put the motion set out in paragraph (1) above to the vote and the voting was as follows.

For (66)

Mrs Allen, Mr Angell, Mr Balfour, Mr Barrington-King, Mrs Bell, Mrs Beresford, Mrs Binks, Mr Bird, Mr Bond, Mr Brazier, Mr Burden, Mr Butler, Miss Carey, Sir Paul Carter, Mrs Chandler, Mr Chard, Mr Chittenden, Mr Clinch, Mrs Cole, Mr Collor, Miss Constantine, Mr Cook, Mr Cooke, Mrs Crabtree, Mr Daley, Mr Dance, Miss Dawson, Mrs Dean, Mr Farrell, Mrs Game, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Harman, Mr Hill, Mr Hills, Mr Homewood, Mr Hook, Mr Hotson, Mrs Hurst, Mr Kite, Mr Koowaree, Mr Lake, Mr Lewis, Ida Linfield, Mr Long, Mr Love, Mr Lymer, Mr Marsh, Mrs Marsh, Mr McInroy, Mr Murphy, Mr Northey, Mr Oakford, Mr Ozog, Mr Pascoe, Mr Payne, Mrs Prendergast, Mr Pugh, Miss Rankin, Mr Rayner, Mr Ridgers, Mr Simkins, Dr Sullivan, Mr Sweetland, Mr Thomas, Mr Whiting, Mr Wright.

Against (1)

Mr Whybrow

Abstain (0)

Motion carried

(3) RESOLVED that the County Council:

(a) enter into the revised ACCESS Pool Inter-Authority Agreement as attached at appendix 2 to the report;

(b) delegate authority to the s151 Officer to enter into relevant contracts and other legal agreements as required to implement the decision in (3) (a) above; and

(c) delegate authority to the s151 Officer to, following consultation with the Chair of the Superannuation Fund and the General Counsel, agree future updates to the Inter-Authority Agreement providing no additional delegation of further formal Council powers are required.

254 Statutory and Proper Officers: Data Protection Officer

(1) Mr Oakford moved and Mr Sweetland seconded the following motion:

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“That County Council agrees to update the list of Statutory and Proper Officers in the Constitution to record the designation of the General Counsel as the Data Protection Officer under the Data Protection Act 2018.”

(2) The motion as set out in paragraph (1) above was agreed without a formal vote.

(3) RESOLVED that the list of Statutory and Proper Officers in the Constitution be updated to record the designation of the General Counsel as the Data Protection Officer under the Data Protection Act 2018.

255 Appointment of Independent Member Remuneration Panel from 1 November 2020

(1) The Chairman moved and the Vice-Chairman seconded the following motion:

“The County Council is invited to consider the recommendation of the selection panel of Honorary Aldermen and appoint Ms Jemma Gowland, Mr Chris Macklin, and Mr David Mercier as the members of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel for a four-year term, from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2024.”

(2) The motion as set out in paragraph (1) above was agreed without a formal vote.

(3) RESOLVED that Ms Jemma Gowland, Mr Chris Macklin, and Mr David Mercier be appointed as the members of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel for a four-year term, from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2024.

256 Proposed Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Selection and Member Services Committee

(1) Mr Oakford moved and Mr Gough seconded the following motion:

“The Council is asked to agree the changes to the terms of reference of the Selection and Member Services Committee, following the recommendation of the Selection and Member Services Committee, as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.”

(2) The motion as set out in paragraph (1) above was agreed without a formal vote.

(3) RESOLVED that the changes to the terms of reference of the Selection and Member Services Committee, following the recommendation of the Selection and Member Services Committee, as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved.

257 Motion for Time Limited Debate

(1) Mr Chittenden moved and Mr Hook seconded the following motion:

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“This Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport actively promotes the reduction of the default speed limit in all new housing developments to 20mph by:

- Recommending to District Planning Officers through the Consultee process in relation to all new housing development applications that the design of the estate roads should be such as to promote a default speed of 20mph.
- Adapting the Kent Design Guide to ensure that new estate roads are designed and constructed to ensure target speeds are self-enforcing at 20mph.”

(2) Mr Payne proposed and Miss Rankin seconded the following amendment:

~~“This~~ **Kent County** Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport actively promotes the reduction of the default speed limit in ~~all~~ new housing developments to 20mph by:

- ~~• Recommending to District Planning Officers through the Consultee process in relation to all new housing development applications that the design of the estate roads should be such as to promote a default speed of 20mph.~~
- **Further development** ~~Adapting of~~ the Kent Design Guide to ensure that new estate roads **continue to be** are designed and constructed to ensure target speeds are self-enforcing at 20mph.
- **Kent County Council recommending to District Planning Officers that the design of new housing estate roads should wherever possible promote a default speed of 20mph.**

Furthermore, that based upon the learning acquired from the Emergency Active Travel Fund town wide and other 20mph trials, Kent County Council will look to introduce further 20mph schemes when government funding becomes available provided that safety benefits can be shown and there is community support for any such individual scheme.”

(3) The proposer and seconder of the original motion agreed to incorporate the amendments into their motion and the Council gave its consent to this approach.

(4) Following the debate the motion as set out in paragraph (2) above was put to the vote and the voting was as follows

For (59)

Mrs Allen, Mr Angell, Mr Balfour, Mr Barrington-King, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Bell, Mrs Beresford, Mrs Binks, Mr Bird, Mr Bond, Mr Bowles, Mr Brazier, Miss Carey, Mrs Chandler, Mr Chittenden, Mr Clinch, Mrs Cole, Mr Collor, Miss Constantine, Mr Cook,

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Mr Cooke, Mrs Crabtree, Mr Daley, Mrs Dean, Mr Farrell, Mrs Game, Mr Gough, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Harman, Mr Hill, Mr Hills, Mrs Hohler, Mr Homewood, Mr Hook, Mr Hotson, Mrs Hurst, Mr Kite, Mr Koowaree, Mr Lake, Mr Lewis, Mr Long, Mr Love, Mr Marsh, Mr McInroy, Mr Northey, Mr Oakford, Mr Pascoe, Mr Payne, Miss Prendergast, Mr Pugh, Miss Rankin, Mr Rayner, Mr Simkins, Dr Sullivan, Mr Sweetland, Mr Thomas, Mr Whiting, Mr Whybrow, Mr Wright

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

Motion carried

(5) RESOLVED that Kent County Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport actively promotes the reduction of the default speed limit in new housing developments to 20mph by:

- Further development of the Kent Design Guide to ensure that new estate roads continue to be designed and constructed to ensure target speeds are self-enforcing at 20mph.
- Kent County Council recommending to District Planning Officers that the design of new housing estate roads should wherever possible promote a default speed of 20mph.

Furthermore, that based upon the learning acquired from the Emergency Active Travel Fund town wide and other 20mph trials, Kent County Council will look to introduce further 20mph schemes when government funding becomes available provided that safety benefits can be shown and there is community support for any such individual scheme.