

Appendix 1 - Summary and Assessment of REDPOSC Priorities

1. Ashford (date of visit: 30 April 2010)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| Maintaining the critical nature of Ashford as a growth point | H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDF Core Strategy adopted July 2008. • Ashford's town centre and commercial quarter have now been identified as the top priority in the Ashford LIP. • Good progress by KHS on M20 Junction 9, M20 footbridge and Drivers roundabout improvements. • Victoria Way under construction by KHS but likely to extend beyond funding window. • DTZ has completed a report on HE and FE provision in Ashford and KCC is looking at the implications for the 14-19 age group and for secondary school provision. This should be finished at the end of the year. |
| Supporting the development of HE/FE learning and skills provision | M | |
| Making provision for the future maintenance requirements of high quality public realm | L | |

2. Canterbury (26 February 2010)

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| Supporting joint working with the east Kent district councils in regeneration and economic development | H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDF Core Strategy Options report published in January 2010. • East Kent LIP being prepared by HCA, KCC and districts recognises importance of HE/FE sector to local economy • City Council's proposed Technology Park will help to develop that HE/FE potential. • Visit Kent is developing a cultural tourism programme for 2011, with a strong focus on East Kent. |
| Capitalising on Canterbury's pivotal role as a major centre for HE / FE in the county | H | |
| Maximising the opportunities for cultural regeneration across east Kent | M | |

3. Dover (15 December 2009)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| Assisting the development of the White Cliffs Business Park (WCBP) through innovative financing mechanisms, and supporting the growth of Whitfield | H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDF Core Strategy adopted in February 2010 • Port expansion looks likely to be delayed until 2015. • KCC working with DHB and FE college to look at opportunities for maritime skills provision • KCC has set up an officer working group to advise and support Dover DC and prospective developers about community infrastructure needs for Whitfield |
| Supporting port development at the Western Docks and related mixed use regeneration opportunities | M | |
| Assisting the district council and | | |

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| <i>Dover Pride to make the case for transport investment</i> | <i>M</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>KCC is undertaking a feasibility study for a Bus Rapid Transit scheme that would connect the existing town with the port and growth areas of Whitfield and Farthingloe</i> • <i>Scope for major new build under BSF programme is very limited although Archers Academy new build is under review by government.</i> • <i>The BSF grammar school proposal at Whitfield has been discontinued.</i> • <i>Dover Construction Centre at Whitfield is being well used (caters for 16-19 age group)</i> |
| <i>Making the most of KCC's commissioning role for learning and training provision in the 14-19 age group</i> | <i>M</i> | |
| <i>Making the most for Dover of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme</i> | <i>L</i> | |

4. Kent Thameside (12 March 2010)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| <i>Balancing new growth at Ebbsfleet with town centre regeneration in Dartford and Gravesend</i> | <i>H</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dartford LDF Core Strategy is expected to be submitted in September/October 2010</i> • <i>GBC is assessing the development potential of all key town centre sites (including Heritage quarter & Northfleet Embankment) through emerging LDF</i> • <i>Interim consultation on draft Gravesham Core Strategy expected in late autumn 2010</i> • <i>Most of REDPOSC priorities for area are included in North Kent LIP approved by districts in September 2010</i> • <i>Promising results from BSF Employment and Skills Plan in terms of work placements to date</i> • <i>Decision awaited on the Strategic Transport Programme ('Homes and Roads') in light of the recent Comprehensive Spending Review</i> |
| <i>Ensuring that skills provision in the area is sustainable</i> | <i>H</i> | |
| <i>Knitting urban growth and early infrastructure provision with community development needs</i> | <i>M</i> | |
| <i>Integrating old and new communities by ensuring that new developments are not isolated in brownfield sites</i> | <i>M</i> | |
| <i>Ensuring that there is continued close and successful working between KCC, DBC and GBC</i> | <i>M</i> | |

5. Maidstone (1 October 2010)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| <i>Maximising Maidstone's potential as an economic hub and balancing population growth and employment opportunities</i> | <i>M</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maidstone BC consulting on LDF Core Strategy in Jan/Feb 2011</i> • <i>Maximising Maidstone town centre's economic potential, linked to the development of key sites and highway & public transport improvements, are identified as priorities in the West Kent LIP.</i> • <i>Otherwise no further progress to report</i> |
| <i>Ensuring that town centre regeneration is not adversely affected by congestion</i> | <i>M</i> | |
| <i>Improving the FE and HE presence in the town</i> | <i>M</i> | |

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| Lobbying government over better rail connections to London | L | |
| Regenerating deprived neighbourhoods such as High Street, Parkwood and Shepway | L | |

6. Sevenoaks (25 May 2010)

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| Agreeing a joint approach to delivering a sustainable community at Fort Halstead | M | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of LDF Core Strategy anticipated in December 2010 • The regeneration of Swanley and New Ash Green town centres are identified as priorities in the West Kent LIP • Otherwise no further progress to report |
| Working with the district council to identify options for regenerating Swanley Town Centre | M | |
| Working with SDC to identify options for regenerating New Ash Green Shopping Centre | M | |
| Working with the district to assist continued integration of Barnfield Park Gypsy and Traveller site into the local community | L | |

7. Shepway (1 September 2010)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| Supporting the master planning and development of Folkestone Sea Front | H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of LDF Core Strategy to government in July 2011 • Recent announcement by government that Dungeness 'C' has not been included in its list of new nuclear power stations • Otherwise no further progress to report |
| Supporting the development of Lydd Airport | H | |
| Supporting SDC in lobbying for Dungeness 'C' power station | M | |
| Improving the future competitiveness of the local workforce through education and skills provision | M | |

8. Swale (2 November 2009)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| Developing a multi agency approach to people based regeneration at Sheppey | H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First consultation on LDF Core Strategy in January / February 2011 |

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| <i>Working with SBC to get the most out of Kent Science Park's contribution to science based jobs</i> | <i>H</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Multi agency approach to development of Queenborough & Rushenden well underway, including housing retrofit programme, scoping work for a new community hub and a number of community environmental projects.</i> |
| <i>Working with Swale BC to develop Sittingbourne Town Centre</i> | <i>M</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planned cycle routes on Sheppey to be completed by KCC in June 2011</i> • <i>Scope for significant KCC involvement through S106 work and developing Q&R as exemplar development with housing and employment sites linked to new opportunities at Sheerness</i> • <i>Completion of Rushenden Link Road in summer 2011 will enable Q&R development to happen</i> • <i>Initial design of route options for Southern Relief Road (SSR) linked to a new junction off the M2 were completed in July 2010</i> • <i>Phasing & implementation plan being developed for SRR (completion Dec 2010)</i> • <i>Highways Agency about to publish its assessment of short term options for traffic capacity improvements at junction 5 of M2</i> • <i>KCC has worked with partners to rescue the underperforming Kent Science Resource Centre and has taken over responsibility from Mid Kent College for promoting science courses at KSP</i> • <i>Construction of SNRR Milton Creek crossing started in early 2010. Expected completion in autumn 2011.</i> • <i>Consultation on SNRR Bapchild link completed and report on findings likely to be made available at end of 2010</i> • <i>Elements of Swale Parklands project are now underway</i> • <i>Development north of Sittingbourne town centre subject to a preferred development partner competition led by Swale BC</i> • <i>Deep Dive project looking at use of public sector assets in Sittingbourne town centre has started</i> |

9. Thanet (26 July 2010)

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| <i>Supporting the Task Force approach to tackling deprivation and benefit dependency in Central Margate and Cliftonville West (CMCW)</i> | <i>H</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>LDF Core Strategy to be submitted mid 2011</i> • <i>Thanet Offshore launched 23 September 2010</i> • <i>London Array facilities now being built at Ramsgate port</i> |
| <i>Encouraging economic development at Central Island and</i> | <i>H</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Turner Contemporary will be completed in December 2010 and will be handed over to the Trust</i> |

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| Ramsgate | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanet DC's sea defence proposals for Margate accepted by Environment Agency • Turner and Townsend, working with consultants BBP and DTZ, appointed as project managers for housing intervention work at Central Margate / Cliftonville West. • Draft DTZ report has shown that improving accessibility and addressing housing issues in Cliftonville will have most impact on deprivation in Thanet |
| Improving accessibility to Thanet via HS1 and a Manston Parkway | H | |
| Providing jobs for local people | M | |
| Changing Margate's image to improve its wider regeneration prospects | M | |

9. Tonbridge and Malling (28 September 2010)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| Supporting the regeneration of Tonbridge town centre | M | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDF Core Strategy adopted in 2007 • Regeneration of Tonbridge town centre, increasing affordable housing provision and support for West Kent Partnership are included as priorities in the West Kent LIP • No further progress to report |
| Developing key strategic sites to increase affordable housing provision | M | |
| Dealing with local deprivation in Snodland, East Malling and Trench | M | |
| Supporting the development of the West Kent Partnership to deliver economic development | M | |
| Changing the image of the district as universally affluent | L | |

9. Tunbridge Wells (28 September 2010)

| Priority identified by REDPOSC | Provisional Rating | Update since visit |
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| Regenerating the urban centres in the district through the joint venture between TWBC and John Laing plc | H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current local plan adopted in June 2010, and borough council will shortly be reviewing LDF Core Strategy • The redevelopment of the Sherwood Estate and the Kent & Sussex hospital site are identified in the West Kent LIP as the key regeneration priorities in Tunbridge Wells • No further progress to report |
| Addressing localised problems of congestion, particularly along the A26 and at North Farm, and the need to dual the A21 | M | |