

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: David Brazier, Cabinet Member
for Transport and Environment

DECISION NO:
12/01924

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Subject: A20 Corridor Statutory Quality Bus Partnership Scheme

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, I agree to establish the Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme along A20 London Road.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme will set out minimum service quality levels that bus operators in the Scheme area must provide. It will also detail facilities and maintenance levels which will be provided by Kent County Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. By setting out the above commitments we can lock in the benefits of extensive investment that has been made locally (both by Kent County Council and operators) and ensure maximum return on this investment.

The Scheme will provide all passengers will a high quality bus service. As well as benefiting all current bus travellers, it is hoped these improvements will encourage more people to travel by bus and thus limit the increasing congestion on this corridor. In turn this will also help limit air pollution and contribute to the four Air Quality Management Areas nearby.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

On 3 October 2013 the Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee resolved that:

- (a) the Consultation Report and the EqIA for the Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme, as set out in Appendix B to the report be supported; and
- (b) the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment be recommended to approve the Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme along A20 London Road, as set out in Appendix A to the report

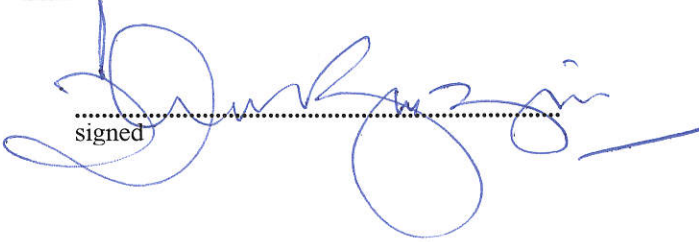
A full consultation has been conducted with a variety of stakeholders. Results are contained within the Consultation Review document.

Any alternatives considered:

Maintaining the status quo-

Without the SQPS, any operator is able to make use of the improved facilities provided by Kent County Council (instead of only operators who meet the service quality standards and participate in the Scheme). There is therefore no incentive for operators to invest and commit to high quality services.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:
None


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