

From: Mr Robert Thomas, Chairman of the Highway Improvement Plans Short Focused Inquiry (SFI)

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To: **Scrutiny Committee – 23 February 2023**

Subject: Short Focused Inquiry – Highway Improvement Plans

Classification: **Unrestricted**

1. Introduction

- a) At its meeting of 15 December 2021 (and confirmed on 20 July 2022), the Scrutiny Committee agreed that the work programme for the Short Focused Inquiries should include an inquiry into Highway Improvement Plans.
- b) Oral evidence was gathered from the following people/organisations:
- Nikola Floodgate, Road Safety and Active Travel Group Manager, Growth, Environment and Transport, KCC
 - Ryan Shiel, Highway Improvements Team Manager (West Kent), Growth, Environment and Transport, KCC
 - Representatives of the Kent Association of Local Councils
 - Dr Suzy Charman, Executive Director, Road Safety Foundation
 - Richard Emmett – Senior Highway Manager, KCC
 - PC Ross Dorman, Traffic Management Unit, Kent Police
- c) In addition, the Committee received written evidence from a variety of sources, including the following:
- Several Kent's parish councils
 - Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate, KCC
 - Road Safety Foundation
- d) The recommendations and findings of the inquiry are set out in the report contained in Appendix 1.

2. Next Steps

- a) Once agreed, the report and recommendations will be submitted to the Executive.

3. Recommendation:

That the Scrutiny Committee approve the Short Focused Inquiry Report into Highway Improvement Plans, and that it be submitted to the Leader and relevant Cabinet Members along with a request for a formal response to the recommendations within two months.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Contact details

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