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To: Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee - 7 March 2019

Subject: District Visits Programme 2019

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: None

Electoral Division: All

Summary: This report outlines the programme of future visits to Kent districts in 2019 and Members are advised of the recent changes to the dates for the Ashford and Tunbridge Wells visits.

Recommendation: The Cabinet Committee is asked to receive and endorse the report.

1. Introduction

1.1 At the November 2017 meeting of this Cabinet Committee, Members agreed that officers arrange a programme of informal visits to Kent districts. The objective was to provide an opportunity for Cabinet Committee Members to gain an understanding of the economic development and regeneration opportunities and challenges within each of the Kent districts.

2. Programme of District Visits 2019

2.1 Further Member visits to Kent districts are being arranged in collaboration with district and borough officers. The format for each visit involves a day-long tour of the principal economic development and infrastructure developments within each district.

2.2 The next visit is planned for 10 May to the Ebbsfleet Garden City hosted by the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation.

2.3 No visits are planned for March and April owing to District Council Elections on 2nd May.

2.4 The indicative visit programme is:

Ebbsfleet	10th May
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Folkestone & Hythe	14th	June	
Tunbridge Wells	12th	July	(formerly 2 July)
Thanet	6th	September	
Ashford	11th	October	(formerly 26 February)

Further visits are being planned for the remaining districts.

- 2.5 At the last meeting of the Committee it was agreed that, should places be available, invitations will be extended to the Chair and Members of the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The cost of coach hire is approximately £350 per visit.

4. Recommendation

Recommendation: The Cabinet Committee is asked to receive and endorse the report.

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