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To: Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee - 17 September 2014

Subject: 13/00038 Joint Transportation Boards Parish Attendance and Voting Rights

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee – December 2013

Future Pathway of Paper: For Cabinet Member Decision  
Joint Transportation Boards

Electoral Division: All divisions

**Summary:** The Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) has requested that Parish Councils representation at Joint Transportation Boards be increased to two members who should be permitted voting rights. Under the current JTB constitution, the one Parish representative may speak but currently has no voting rights. KCC has approved an initial proposal for voting rights for one Parish member and Members are asked to consider proposals for a second voting attendee. To ease reporting and decision-making, the new agreement should incorporate an obligation to report on the JTB's recommendations.

**Recommendations:**

1. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment be asked to approve the KALC request for a total of two Parish Members to attend JTBs (with voting rights) and attendant changes as set out in this report.
2. A report to all JTBs seeking District Council agreement to the KALC proposal will be considered in the autumn round of meetings.

**1. Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)**

KALC has formally requested that consideration be given to introducing voting rights for Parish representative/s attending the JTB. In principle this is a reasonable request. It is important that KALC is responsible for arranging the Parish representative's attendance at JTBs and notifies the Chairman accordingly. The appointment would be on the basis of the two representatives taking a District wide approach to items on the agenda.

**2. Moving Forward**

- (1) A report covering the up-dating of the JTB Agreement and allowing Parish representatives a voting right at JTBs was considered by Members at the December

2013 meeting of the County Council's Environment, Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee. At this meeting, Members endorsed the proposals.

(2) In addition KCC wish to simplify reporting of the proceedings of JTBs by incorporating an obligation to report on the JTB's recommendations.

Preparation of a new JTB Agreement will be considered internally by District Councils. Once this is completed, a report will be submitted to each JTB seeking endorsement of the revised proposals.

### **3. Recommendations:**

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### **4. Background Documents**

Proposed model JTB agreement

### **5. Contact details**

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