

Joint Transportation Board

11th September 2012

Update from Member Working Group on Lorry Issues

At the last Meeting on 12th June 2012 the Board, as part of the item "KCC's Draft Freight Action Plan for Kent, gave authority for the Member Working Group set up by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to respond to KCC consultations on the Freight Action Plan. The Board was also very supportive of the formation of the Group and its ongoing work

Since the last Board meeting, the Working Group has met a number of times and agreed the following action points.

- A brief for necessary studies on overnight lorry parking has been drafted by KCC, with the involvement of KCC Cabinet Member Bryan Sweetland. This will include key points and issues raised by the Working Group.
- The draft brief will be input in to a 'Kent Mini-Summit' involving KCC and all Kent Districts with overnight lorry parking problems along the M2/M20. The objective being to secure commitment for the work, plus funding contributions, modifications to the brief and confirmation/additions/deletions to the list of sites to be assessed in the study. The Mini-Summit to establish contacts to generate commitment.
- A Cabinet briefing be prepared for Bryan Sweetland following the draft brief.
- A target date for the 'Kent Mini-Summit' be confirmed for late September/early October.
- Plan for a wider 'political summit' in November.
- Involve/connect with other Authorities in Kent who also have problems.

Progress on these action points will be reviewed at the Working Group's next Meeting during September.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be able to update further at the Meeting.

The Joint Transportation Board is asked to:-

Note and support the ongoing work of the Member Working Group on Lorry Issues.