## **Appendix A - Scoping Template**

## Name of Review:

Transport in Maidstone Borough - alternatives to using a car

# What are the objectives and desired outcomes of the review

The review will initially be in three stages.

## Stage 1 Establishing the Scope - Objectives:

# Cycling and Walking (proposed date 22 July meeting):

- Identify cycling/walking groups in the Borough
- Establish what work has/is already been done regarding the promotion of walking and cycling to avoid duplication of effort
- Identify and make recommendations on how MBC can work to increase the use of cycling and walking in the Borough to ease congestion in the town

## Rail (date TBA):

- Identify rail user groups in the Borough to avoid duplication of effort
- Gain an insight into KCC and rail providers strategic plans for rail in the Borough
- Establish MBC member links with KCC and rail service providers

## Bus (date TBA):

- Improve communication with the Quality Bus Partnership to enable Councillors to influence debate where they can
- Identify bus user groups in the Borough to avoid duplication of effort
- Identify existing bus service providers operating in the RSCs
- Make recommendations how improvements can be made to bus service provision to the Rural Service Centres (RSC)

## Stage 2 Review of scope and objectives:

After consideration of the evidence gathered from Stage 1, under each area, the working group will recommend either:

- Support what is already being worked on;
- Continue with further evidence gathering with revised objectives;
- Other depending on what comes to light from evidence gathering.

#### **Stage 3 – Final Report and Recommendations:**

Final report to include all three areas and recommendations.

# What equality issues will need to be considered as part of the review – giving consideration to the 9 protected characteristics:

Ensuring access to all

## Which witnesses are required?

# **Cycling and Walking:**

Walking group witness - to be identified

James Gower - @maidstoneonbike suggestion via Twitter (FWP)

Bartholomew Wren, Tunbridge Wells (Cycling schemes)

Tunbridge Wells Cycle Friday scheme

Tunbridge Wells BC - cycle strategy

KCC Cycling Champion - Tay Arnold | Cycling Transport Planner,

KCC tay.arnold@kent.gov.uk tel: 03000411618

Michael Murphy - MBC

Tim Hapgood - MBC

#### Rail:

Nina Peak, SouthEastern

#### Bus:

Robert Patterson, Arriva Colin Evans, KCC Highways (Quality Bus Partnership) Dan Bruce, KCC Highways Quality Bus Partnership) Peter Rosevere - KCC Kent Carriers Nu-Venture

# Other ways to seek evidence? E.g. site visits, involving members of the public, consultation.

To be agreed.

## What information/training is needed?

To be agreed.

## Suggested time for review and report completion date

To be agreed.

The proposal is to split the review into three initially and in this order:

- **1. Cycling and Walking** invite witnesses to CLS&E OCS on 22 July 2014 to establish what work is already being done in the borough and other LA areas.
- 2. Bus meeting dates to be agreed at the meeting on 24 June 2014
- 3. Rail meeting dates to be agreed at the meeting on 24 June 2014

#### How does the review link to council priorities?

## For Maidstone to have a growing economy

A transport network that supports the local economy

## For Maidstone to be a decent place to live

- Continues to be a clear and attractive environment for people who live in and visit the Borough
- Residents are not disadvantaged because of where they live or who they are, vulnerable people are assisted and the level of deprivation is reduced

### **Corporate and Customer Excellence**

- Services are customer focused and residents are satisfied with them
- Effective, cost efficient services are delivered across the Borough

## How does this item deliver CfPS effective scrutiny principles?

- Provides 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers
- Enables the voice and concerns of the public
- Is carried out by 'independent minded governors' who lead and own the scrutiny role
- Drives improvement in public services

## Any co-optees or expert witnesses?