To: Maidstone Joint Transportation Board

By: KCC Highways, Transportation & Waste

Date: 27th October 2021

Subject: Highways Forward Works Programme: 2021/22 and 2022/23

Classification: Information Only

Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction

1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Kent County Council has recently published a forward works programme for the next five years covering planned maintenance of our highway assets. It is in two parts: the first concerns the next two years (2021/22 - 2022/23), and most of the sites included have already been verified by our engineers. The second part relates to years three to five of our five-year programme (2023/24 - 2025/26) and is largely based on data from our asset management systems, so may be subject to more changes as the schemes are verified.

This programme is subject to regular review and may change for several reasons including budget allocation, contract rate changes, and to reflect our changing priorities. The programme and extent of individual sites within the programme may also be revised following engineering assessment during the design phase, and additional sites may be added, or others advanced if their condition deteriorates rapidly so that we need to react to keep the highway in a safe and serviceable condition.

Further information about how we manage our highway infrastructure, including our county-wide five-year forward works programme, may be found on our website:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/transport-and-highways-policies/managing-highway-infrastructure

In addition to planned maintenance of our highway assets, this report includes transportation and safety schemes, developer funded works, Combined Members Grant schemes, and planned maintenance of public rights of way.

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Conclusion

1. This report is for Members' information.

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Appendix A - Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Scheme

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged, and the residents will be informed by a letter drop to their homes.

Machine Resurfacing - Con	Machine Resurfacing – Contact Officer Mr Byron Lovell					
Road Name	Parish	Extent of Works	Current Status			
A274 Sutton Road (Phase 1)	Maidstone	Buffkyn Way to west of Willington Street	Completed.			
A274 Sutton Road (Phase 2)	Maidstone	Willington Street to west of St Saviours Road	Programmed 7 th October 2021			
Footway Improvement - Cor	ntact Officer Mr Neil	Tree				
Road Name	Parish	Extent and Description of Works	Current Status			
Coombe Road	Tovil	Footway Reconstruction Two Sections 1. Old Tovil Rd to Quarry Rd 2. Courtney Rd to o/s No. 72.	Commenced on site and on-going. Expected to complete by the beginning of November 2021			
A20 Ashford Road	Harrietsham	Footway Reconstruction Sections from the junction with Church Road to the Junction with Marley Road (Petrol Station)	Commenced on site and on-going. Expected to complete by mid-October 2021.			
Heathfield Road	Penenden Heath	<u>Footway Protection</u> <u>Treatment</u> Full extent	Completed.			
Hedley Street (including Lucerne)	Maidstone	Footway Protection Treatment Full extent	Completed.			
Foley Street	Maidstone	Footway Protection Treatment Full extent	Completed.			

Surface Treatments – Contact Officer Mr Jonathan Dean					
Road Name	Parish	Extent and Description of Works	Current Status		
MARDEN ROAD	Staplehurst	A229 Station Road to west of junction with Clapper Lane (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
WILLOW WAY & MOTE AVENUE (INC UPPER ROAD & LOWER ROAD)	Maidstone	Square Hill Road to West Park Road (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
SANDLING LANE	Penenden Heath	Between 40mph terminal to Running Horse Roundabout (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
SANDLING LANE		(Micro Surfacing) Maidstone Road to South Road	Completed		
HOWLAND ROAD LENHAM ROAD	Marden Ulcombe	(Micro Surfacing) Chegworth Road to Runham Lane (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
MARLEY ROAD (DICKLEY LANE)	Lenham	Marley Works to Steeds Hill (Micro Surfacing)	Postponed until 2022		
OLD ASHFORD ROAD	Lenham	Lenham Square to A20 Ashford Road (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
ASHFORD ROAD (Overbridge near Junction (M20)	Hollingbourne	A20 to A20 (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
LOWER ROAD	East Farleigh	Priory Close to Kettle Corner (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
HACKNEY ROAD	Fant	From Unicumes Lane to Gatland Lane (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
RAYNERS HILL	Lenham	A20 to Water Ditch Road (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
LEEDS ROAD	Leeds	Plough PH crossroads to Horseshoes Lane (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
NORTH POLE ROAD	Barming	From Heath Road to Red Hill (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		
NORTH STREET	Barming	From Heath Road to A26 Tonbridge Road (Micro Surfacing)	Completed		

		From KFRS to Brockingford Lane	Completed
STOCKETT LANE	Tovil	(Micro Surfacing)	
		Marden Road to 250m	Completed
PAGEHURST ROAD		south of j/w Thorn Road	,
FAGEIIONSI NOAD		(Retread – Road	
	Staplehurst	Recycling)	
		Whole length (Wilden Park	Completed
		Road to Goudhurst Road)	
		(Retread – Road	
SHERENDEN LANE	Marden	Recycling)	
		Khernfields Farmhouse to	Completed
		Underlyn Lane	
		(Retread – Road	
TILDEN LANE	Marden	Recycling)	
		Grigg Farm/Baker Lane to	Completed
		Oak Lane	
		(Retread – Road	
GRIGG LANE (PHASE 2)	Headcorn	Recycling)	0
OTH EDDIDOE LANE	N.4 I	Linton Hill to Underlyn Lane	Completed
STILEBRIDGE LANE	Marden	(Retread – Road	
		Recycling)	0 1 1
		Shenley Road to A274	Completed
		Biddenden Road	
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WHITE HOUSE LANE	Headcorn	Recycling)	0 11
		Old Lenham Road to	Completed
		Ringlestone Road	
EAVEDCHAM DOAD	\\/ialaliaa	(Doddington)	
FAVERSHAM ROAD	Wichling	(Surface Dressing)	Camanlatad
ACLIEODD DOAD	حد حاسم ا	Faversham Road to Dickley	Completed
ASHFORD ROAD	Lenham	Lane	
		(Surface Dressing)	O a ma m ! = ! = =!
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SOUTHERNDEN ROAD	F (Farm / Baker Lane	
(INC part of GRIGG LANE)	Egerton	(Surface Dressing)	0 1 1
		Stilebridge Lane (Marden)	Completed
	1.2.7	to Redwall Lane	
LINTON HILL	Linton	(Surface Dressing)	

Appendix B - Drainage

Drainage Repairs & Improvements - Contact Officer Earl Bourner					
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status		
Eyhorne/Upper Street/Hollingbourne Hill	Hollingbourne	Various repairs to the highway drainage system completed. Further work required to reinstate outfall to pond.	Further landowner liaison in progress.		
A20 Ashford Rd under rail bridge by Square Hill	Maidstone	The existing drainage has been cleaned and surveyed and is working but an improvement scheme is to be developed to reduce risk of blockages and flooding	Works commenced late August but are incomplete due to encountering services not mapped or found by pre-works surveys. Trial holes were excavated to locate them. Further works required to alter design and then revisit.		
Harp Farm Road	Boxley	Existing soakaway unmaintainable due to location in field. Replacement soakaway(s) to be considered	Entered onto forward work programme – further assessment required.		
Fairmeadow Subway (near Medway Street)	Maidstone	Faulty non-return valve and damaged Aco Channel drainage covers.	Crew to re attend on 08/10/21 to install stop valve		
Gravelly Bottom Road	Kingswood	Multiple defects found in CCTV survey	Job complete. Cleansing required once pothole blitz works are carried out.		
Lenham Road	Headcorn	Ditch overflowing onto carriageway	Land drainage to be consulted before further works commence.		
Goddington Lane	Harrietsham	High volumes of water dispersing from gully and eroding carriageway into stream	Job Complete		
Buckland Road	Maidstone	Natural spring flowing across footway and causing slip hazard for pedestrians	Job Complete		
Brishing Lane	Chart Sutton	Heavy rainfall causing flooding to elderly resident	Job Complete – Deep bore successfully installed		

Lenham Road	Heavy rainfall running down Platts Heath carriageway and entering Job Comproperty		Job Complete
Copper Lane	Marden	Marden Collapsed culvert headwalls Job Comp	
Redwall Lane	Linton	Collapsed culvert headwall	Job Complete
Bonnington Road	Maidstone	Locate cause of large void in carriageway	Awaiting Dynamic Probe results

Appendix C - Street Lighting

Structural testing of KCC owned streetlights has identified the following as requiring replacement. A status of complete identifies that the column replacement has been carried out. Programme dates are identified for those still requiring replacement.

Street Lighting Column Replacement – Contact Officer Sue Kinsella					
Road Name	Column	Parish	Description of Works	Status	
Tonbridge Road	KTBU022	Fant	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Tonbridge Road	KTBU051	Fant	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
St Peters Bridge	KSCE001	High Street	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Bicknor Road	KBCG010	North Downs	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Bicknor Road	KBCG012	North Downs	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Sutton Road	KSGF007	Shepway South Replacement of Street	KSGF007 Shepway South Replace	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22
Station Road	KSFA021	Staplehurst	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Rawdon Road	KRAD001	KRAD001 High Street Replacement of Street Lig		Completion end January 22	
Thornhill Place	KTBG002	North	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Farleigh Hill	KFAH002	South	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
King Street	KKAM013	High Street	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Loose Road	KLCQ055	South	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Brishing Lane	KBFE010	Park Wood	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Straw Mill Hill	TSAS016	South	Replacement of Street Light	Completion end January 22	
Ashford Rd	KABR032	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end Jan 22	

			Replacement Street Light	
Ashdown Close	KABI001	Heath	Replacement offeet Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ005	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ007	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ008	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ009	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ013	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ014	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ017	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABQ019	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Ashford Road	KABR032	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Badger Road	KBAF108	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Berwyn Grove	KBCB006	South	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Bicknor Road	KBCG032	North Downs	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Bicknor Road	KBCG033	North Downs	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Brownelow Copse	KBHO005	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Faversham Road	KFAQ007	Harrietsham	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Foxden Drive	KFCL006	Downswood	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Goudhurst Close	KGBB002	Bridge	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22

John Street	KJAG003	North	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Old Ashford Road	KOAG011	Harrietsham	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Old Ashford Road	KOAG012	Harrietsham	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Palmar Road	KPAF001	Bridge	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Pennine Way	KPDT007	Downswood	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Perryfield Street	KPBE004	North	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Podkin Wood	KPDM004	Boxley	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Raymer Road	KRAE003	North	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Redsells Close	KRCM001	Downswood	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Redsells Close	KRCM004	Downswood	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Rushmead Drive	KRCB002	South	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Sevington Park	KSBA005	South	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Station Road	KSFA025	Staplehurst	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Tonbridge Road	KTBU010	Fant	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Tonbridge Road	KTBU015	Fant	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Tonbridge Road	KTBU019	Fant	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Tonbridge Road	KTBU025	Fant	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22
Watersmeet Close	KWFR001	South	Replacement Street Light	Completion end January 22

Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes

Casualty Reduction Measures

The Schemes Planning & Delivery team is implementing schemes within Maidstone Borough, to meet Kent County Council's strategic targets (for example, addressing traffic congestion or improving road safety). Casualty reduction measures have been identified to address a known history of personal injury crashes. Current status correct as of 21/9/21.

Location	Parish	Description of Works	Lead officer	Current Status
Running Horse Roundabout	Maidstone	Virtual lane separation system using road markings & coloured surfacing	Christopher Koningen	Traffic modelling completed, showing a reduction in congestion if the scheme is implemented as proposed. Funding needs to be sought to enable construction in the 22/23 financial year. This is ongoing, and once the required budget is secured the detailed design and appropriate stakeholder liaison will be carried out.
Tonbridge Road junction Westree Road	Maidstone	Signing and lining improvements	Claire Venner	Although scheme complete, there are still issues with 2 signs which are being addressed
Fairmeadow/Staceys Street Roundabout	Maidstone	Signing and lining improvements	Jennie Watson	Works to be carried out be developer as part of their S278 Agreement works
Linton Hill/Stilebridge Lane	Maidstone	New junction layout	Jennie Watson	Scheme handed over to contractor and due for construction November/ December 2021
Royal Engineers Roundabout	Maidstone	Lining improvements	Jennie Watson	Scheme handed over to contractor and due to be completed by December 2021

A20 Hollingbourne	Hollingbourne	New clearway signs	Jennie Watson	Scheme handed over to contractor and to be completed on site December 2021/January 2022 dependant on road space.
Eyhorne Road – Outside Primary School	Hollingbourne	Introduction of 20mph	Jennie Watson	Scheme handed over to contractor and to be completed on site by December 2021

APPENDIX D2 – INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SCHEMES – all other LTP funded non-casualty reduction schemes

Location	Parish	Description of Works	Lead officer	Current Status
Walderslade Woods	Boxley	Reduction of speed limit to 50mph and associated traffic calming measures	Jennie Watson	Works complete. Scheme review to take place.
A229 Cranbrook Road/High Street	Staplehurst	Virtual Traffic Calming Scheme	Demi Richards	Works complete
Pheasant Lane	Maidstone	Improvements to encourage cycling – vegetation clearance and signage works.	Paul Leary	Works complete.
Buckland Hill	Maidstone	New Zebra Crossing	Jennie Watson	Currently at design stage. Scheme due to be handed over to contractor November 2021 and to be completed by April 2022
Hart Street/Barker Road	Maidstone	Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for One-Way System	Jennie Watson	Currently exploring options for a long-term permanent solution and utilising Network Rail and Southeastern Rail land. Stage 1 Road Safety Audit to be carried out before KCC can share proposals in the public realm. A detailed update will be provided at the next JTB meeting in January 2022
PROW KB18 North of Maidstone Hospital	Maidstone	Upgrading of route to allow cycling and improve wayfinding signs.	Jennie Watson	Currently at design stage. Scheme due to be handed over to contractor November 2021 and scheme due for construction early 2022

APPENDIX D3 – LOCAL GROWTH FUND

Local Growth Fund programme update for the Maidstone Borough.

The Department for Transport (DfT) added £100m to the Local Growth Fund (LGF) pot to fund Local Sustainable Transport Fund Style schemes. KCC subsequently submitted four Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) capital bids 1) East Kent – A network for Growth, 2) Kent Thameside – Integrated door-to-door journeys and 3) West Kent – Tackling Congestion. The fourth was for Tonbridge Town Centre Regeneration, which included a highway improvements scheme in the Lower High Street as well as additional LSTF style measures. The objective of all the capital bids is to boost economic growth by decreasing carbon emissions and reducing congestion.

The Kent Thameside, West Kent and Tonbridge Town Centre Regeneration bids were all successful. The schemes aim to:

- improve access to employment and services
- reduce the need to travel by the private car
- enhance pedestrian, cycle, and public transport facilities
- improve sustainable transport connections

The following schemes have been submitted as part of the successful West Kent – Tackling Congestion bid.

Location	Parish	Description of Works	Lead officer	Current Status
Week Street junction with Station Road	Maidstone	A highway improvement consisting of a raised table and improvements to 2 pedestrian crossings to better link Week Street to Maidstone East Rail Station	Alan Osuoha	Works complete
MAIDSTONE EAST STATION IMPROVEMENTS	Maidstone	STATION IMPROVEMENTS	Annette Bonner	Works on the station improvements commenced in January 2020, with the temporary ticket office installed by Southeastern operational since January 2020. Contract Completion date had been delayed due to emerging changes to designs in some areas and working restrictions due to COVID 19 with an

estimated completion of July 2021. While works on the public realm were progressing, restrictions on internal works in the station building necessitate different working practices, creating inefficiency and slowing progress. KCC Schemes team worked closely with NR, SE, and MBC to coordinate the highway & forecourt design with the raised table. MBC have completed the wayfinding design which tied in with the wider improvement works. Forecourt works are complete, and planting will take place in October (planting season). NR have completed their handover to SE for the improvement works to begin on the access (Barracks side of the station). WBP have been appointed and works are planned to start in October 2021 with a December completion date. A launch event is being planned for October 2021.

Appendix E - Developer Funded Works

Section 106 Schemes				
File Ref.	Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
S106- MA-819	Linton Crossroads	Linton/Loose	Junction/signal upgrade	KCC investigating how any funding gap can be dealt with. At present there is not a programme for construction.
S106- MA-1104	Hermitage Lane	Maidstone	Cycleway improvements between rail station and hospital on east side	Croudace development for 330 homes off Hermitage Lane if planning permission is to be granted will deliver via a S278 the section between the train station and Chapelfield Way. The remaining section to the hospital may well also be funded by a S106 agreement with Croudace.

Parish Council Funded Schemes				
File Ref.	Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
2021-EXT-MA- 1232	Linton Hill	Linton	Traffic Calming Scheme	Works complete
2021-CMG-MA- 1252	Village Centre	Boughton Monchelsea	20mph scheme	Works complete
2021-EXT-MA- 1000	Grafty Green	Boughton Malherbe	Traffic Calming Scheme	Works complete
2122-EXT-MA- 3001	A249 Detling Hill	Detling	Extension of 50mph speed limit	TRO has been advertised. Scheme is due to be handed over to the contractor in October 2021. Works anticipated to be carried out December 2021/January 2022 under lane closures dependant on workspace.

Appendix F - Bridge Works

Bridge Works – Contact Officer Neill Coppin			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
A20 Maidstone Road	Maidstone	Raigersfield East Bridge (180m west of Willington Street junction), strengthening / renewal of bridge. Works will not affect traffic flow.	Completion expected End of September 2021

Appendix G - Traffic Systems

There is a programme of scheduled maintenance to refurbish life expired traffic signal equipment across the county based upon age and fault history. The delivery of these schemes is dependent upon school terms and holiday periods; residents, businesses and schools will be informed verbally and by a letter drop of the exact dates when known.

Traffic Systems - Contact Officer: Toby Butler			
Location	Description of Works	Current Status	
A249 Bearsted Road near Hampton Road, Maidstone	Renewal and upgrade of signal controller crossing	Completed August 2021	
A299 Palace Avenue near Gabriels Hill, Maidstone	Renewal and upgrade of signal controller crossing	Proposed September 2021	

Appendix H - Combined Members Grant programme update

Member Highway Fund programme update for the Maidstone Borough

The following schemes are those, which have been approved for funding by both the relevant Member and by Simon Jones, Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste. The list only includes schemes, which are

- in design
- at consultation stage
- about to be programmed
- recently completed on site.

The list is up to date as of 21/09/21.

The details given below are for highway projects only. This report does not detail

- contributions Members have made to other groups such as parish councils
- highway studies
- traffic/ non-motorised user surveys funded by Members.

More information on the schemes listed below can be found by contacting the District Manager for the Maidstone Borough, Susan Laporte.

Dan Daley

Details of Scheme	Status
2021-CMG-MA-1001 - Buckland Hill, Maidstone	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has
	been sealed – Scheme currently at
20mph scheme	design stage. Works to install
	associated signs and roundels to
	be carried out early 2022 in
	conjunction with new zebra
	crossing (LTP Scheme)

Shellina Prendergast

Details of Scheme	Status
20/21-CMG-MA-1003 – Shenley Road, Headcorn	
Installation of pedestrian warning signs	Works complete
2021-CMG-MA-08 - Upper Street, Hollingbourne	
Gateway to village to be enhanced	Works complete

Appendix I – Winter Service

To: Maidstone Joint Transportation Board

By: Andrew Loosemore – Head of Highway Asset Management

Date: 27 October 2021

Subject: Local Winter Service Plan

Classification: Information only

Summary: This report outlines the arrangements that have been made between Kent County Council and Maidstone Borough Council to provide a local winter service in the event of an operational snow alert in the borough/district

1. Introduction

- 1 (1) Kent County Council Highways, Transportation & Waste (KCC HTW) takes its winter service responsibilities very seriously and is proactive as well as reactive to winter weather conditions. Winter service costs KCC in the region of £3,498,800.m every winter and needs careful management to achieve safety for the travelling public and to be efficient. The Highways Operations teams in HTW work to ensure that the winter service standards and decisions made are consistent across the whole county.
- 1(2) HTW prepares an annual Winter Service policy and plan which are used to determine actions that will be taken to manage its winter service operations. The policy was presented to the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 8th September 2021 and subsequently approved by the Cabinet Member.

2. District based winter service plans

- 2(1) The Local Winter Service Plan for the Maidstone District is a working document which will evolve and be revised as necessary throughout the year. This document complements the KCC Winter Service Policy and Plan 2021/22; the Policy is available on the KCC website.
- 2(2) Following successful work in previous years with district councils, arrangements have again been put in place this year whereby labour from district councils can be used during snow days. Additionally, HTW will supply a quantity of a salt/sand mixture to district councils to use on the highway network. The details are contained in the plan which enhances the work that HTW will continue to do in providing a countywide winter service. The local plan comes into effect when a snow emergency is declared that affects the district of Maidstone.

http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/transport-and-highways-policies/winter-service-policy

3. Pavement clearance

3 (3) Areas for clearing pavements have been identified in the local plan. These are the areas where local knowledge has indicated that people are concerned and would most like to be kept clear when there is snow and ice.

4. Farmers

4(1) The work that our contracted farmers have done in recent years is greatly appreciated and has made a big difference in keeping rural areas clear on snow days. Again, this year farmers will have predetermined local routes and will use their own tractor and KCC ploughs for clearing snow. The ploughs supplied are serviced by KCC each year. Each farmer will have plans detailing the roads that that they are responsible for ploughing. When snow reaches a depth of 50mm on roads in their areas the farmers will commence ploughing notifying KCC as agreed in their contract. A list of farmers and their contact details can be found in the local plan, (although some personal information will not be available via this report or the website due to General Data Protection Regulations).

5. Conclusion

5(1) Working in partnership with the district councils will enable HTW to provide an effective winter service across the county.

6. Recommendations

6(1) Members are asked to note this report.

Background documents:

Kent County Council Winter Service Policy and Plan 2021/22

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Legal Implications

- 1.1.1 Not applicable.
- 1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations
- 1.2.1 Not applicable.
- 1.3 Risk Assessment
- 1.3.1 Not applicable.

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