Joint Transportation Board Update

Following a Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (POSC) meeting on 25 March 2010, this report has been produced for Joint Transportation Boards (JTBs), to cover highways and transport issues across the County.

Director of Kent Highway Services
John Burr is now the new Director of Kent Highway Services, having taken up the post with KCC on 29 March.

Traffic Systems
Traffic Systems have successfully deployed Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC) equipment into Canterbury and Gravesham during 2010, which will enable the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) to monitor traffic conditions and collect journey times. The TMC have also been proactive in developing new reporting formats to improve information collation and dissemination to areas such as the Contact Centre, KCC colleagues and the Press Office, which has helped improve the information provided to customers particularly in areas of Winter Maintenance.

Business improvements
The KHS annual tracker survey shows good progress with streetlights and pavements but a drop in roads satisfaction mainly driven by country lanes.

Network Performance
The Network Performance Team has successfully introduced a new Parking Protocol which was passed for adoption by the 12 districts and KCC by the Kent Chief Executives and will commence as from 1st April 2010. This new protocol sets out a framework of common principles for parking policy and management that is not directly covered in the Agency Agreements. It also clarifies the division of responsibility between County and Districts for the delivery of parking related functions.