

An introduction to PIPKIN

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Transport Planning in Kent

- Kent County Council (KCC) is the Local Transport Authority (LTA) for Kent (excluding Medway).
- Key responsibilities:
 - Acting as Highway Authority for all roads (excluding motorways and trunk roads).
 - Delivering national and regional transport policies at a local level.
 - Aligning local transport planning objectives with wider economic, environmental and community strategies and plans.
 - Establishing a local transport strategy with clear policies and objectives and achievable targets.
 - Identifying local transport issues and investment programmes in conjunction with the local community and key stakeholders.
 - Monitoring and reporting local transport plan delivery to the Department for Transport (DfT) and Government Office (GOSE).





Kent's local transport strategy

- The Local Transport Plan (LTP) is Kent's overarching transport strategy.
- The provision of LTPs is a statutory requirement under the Transport Act (2000).
- The Act requires LTPs to set out the authority's local transport strategies, policies and targets, and an effective implementation plan.
- LTPs provide significant levels of funding for highway maintenance, integrated transport and major scheme bids.
- The first five-year LTPs were submitted in 2000, covering the period 2001/02 to 2005/06.
- As part of the LTP process, Kent was required to report its delivery of LTP policies and programmes in Annual Progress Reports (APRs).
- DfT's assessment of Kent's LTP1 delivery was "Excellent" and its assessment of LTP2 was "Good".





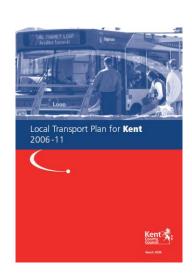


Kent's local transport strategy

- In July 2006, Kent submitted its second LTP to cover the period 2006/07 to 2010/11.
- The new Local Transport Plan (LTP) for sets out a vision for transport:

"To provide good, safe accessibility to jobs and services for all sections of the community in Kent, and to improve the environment and health of the community by reducing congestion and pollution, widening the choice of transport available, and by developing public transport, walking and cycling."

LTP for Kent 2006-11





Kent's local transport objectives

- The Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Kent sets out four "shared priority" objectives:
 - Improve accessibility to key services by sustainable modes of transport.
 - Tackle congestion, particularly in recognised congestion hot spots.
 - Improve road safety by reducing casualties.
 - Improve local **air quality**, particularly in designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) by reducing vehicle emissions.
- The shared priority objectives also form the basis of Kent's mandatory and local LTP targets.



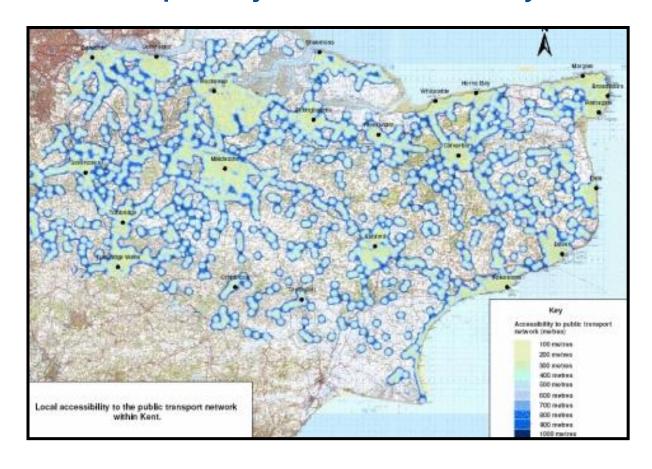






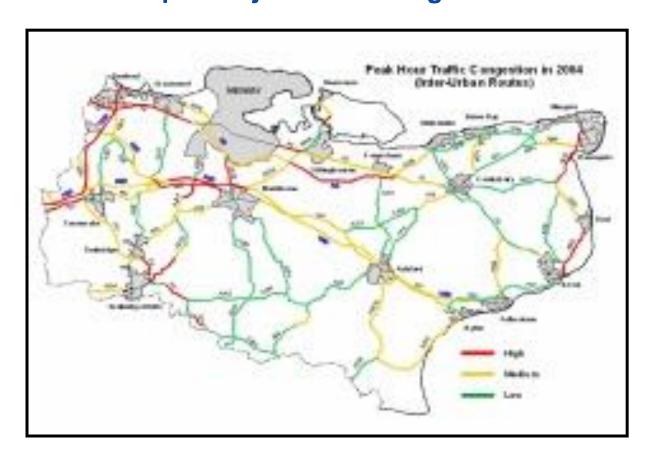


Kent's local transport objectives - Accessibility



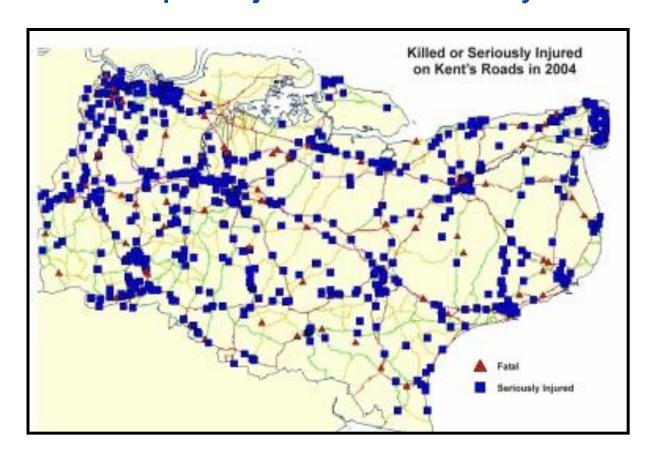


Kent's local transport objectives - Congestion



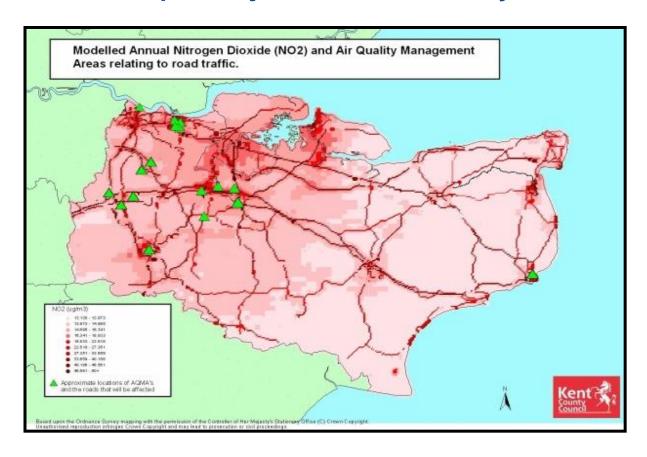


Kent's local transport objectives – Road Safety





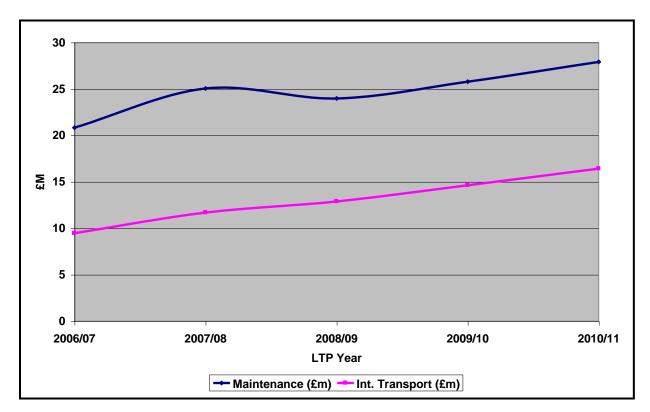
Kent's local transport objectives – Air Quality





Kent's local transport funding

• The **Local Transport Plan** (LTP) provides capital funding to assist local authorities to deliver their LTPs:





LTP investment programmes

- DfT's guidance on LTP delivery states:
 - Local authorities must aim to achieve the best value for money for their investment.
 - Investment programmes must remain focused on supporting the implementation of policies, achieving agreed objectives and assisting in achieving national and local transport targets.
 - Investment programmes must reflect the objectives of the LTP at a local level in order to address local need.
 - Evidence based investment.
 - Local investment programmes must be derived in conjunction with local community groups and key stakeholders.
- LTP funding is a finite resource with a significant demand placed upon it.
- Prioritisation of schemes is crucial to the successful delivery of Kent's LTP and to ensuring VFM.
- Prioritisation must be undertaken using a robust and consistent methodology.

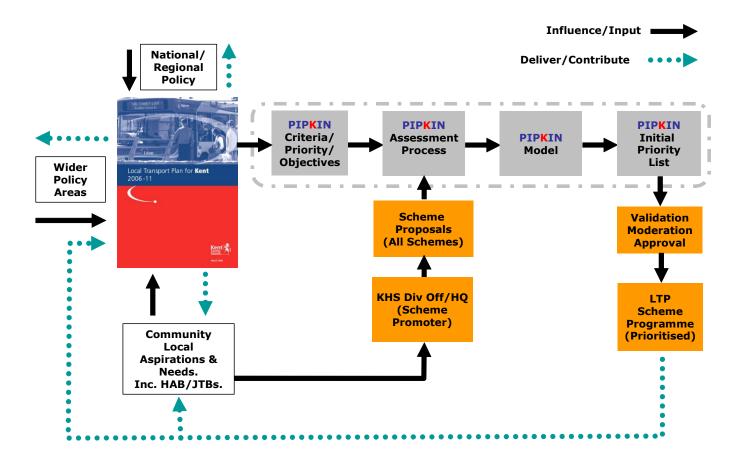


Scheme Prioritisation - PIPKIN

- Prioritising Investment Programmes on the Kent Integrated Network (PIPKIN).
- Key objectives of PIPKIN are:
 - Assist in identifying schemes that can potentially make the greatest contribution towards delivering national, regional and local transport policies, objectives and targets as set out in the LTP.
 - Provide objective guidance on which schemes should be prioritised in Kent's Integrated Transport Programme.
- PIPKIN has been adopted as Kent's countywide standard.
- Approved by the Cabinet Member in July 2006.
- Revised PIPKIN model (PIPKIN vii) was approved in November 2007.
- PIPKIN must be used to assess all integrated transport schemes; walking (inc.PROW), cycling, public transport, traffic management, road safety and intelligent transport systems.
- PIPKIN is a **single** stage in the wider Integrated Transport Planning process.



Scheme Prioritisation - PIPKIN





Scheme Prioritisation – PIPKIN – 2008/09 Programme.

- Integrated Transport Programme 2007/08.
- 286 schemes, equating to £20M of investment against a budget of £9.1M* (*at time of assessment).
- Scheme Identification February to April 2007.
- PIPKIN Validation Exercise April/May 2007.
 - Undertaken to check the accuracy and consistency of individual scheme assessments. Addressing subjectivity.
 - Analysis and interpretation of outputs.
- PIPKIN Moderation Exercise May 2007.
 - Identification of "low" deliverable schemes.
 - Suitability of the model's output.
- Formulation of proposed Integrated Transport Programme for 2008/09 June 2007.
- Presentation of results to Cabinet Member June 2007.
- Presentation of proposed ITP to Highways Advisory Board (HAB) – September 2007. Approval thereafter.



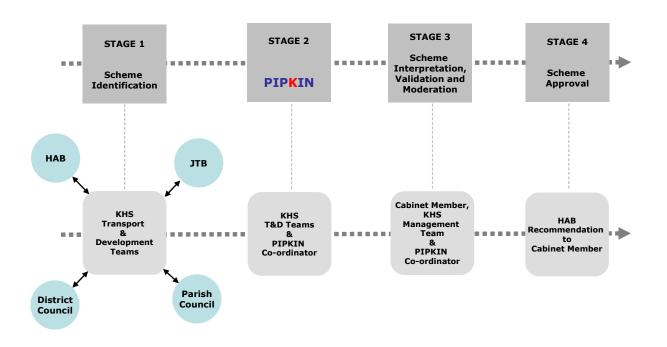
Scheme Prioritisation – PIPKIN Development

- PIPKIN Development Project June 2007.
 - review of how PIPKIN was implemented (2008/09 ITP)
 - assess whether PIPKIN achieved its objectives.
 - opportunity for users to make recommendations to improve the process.
- Development of PIPKIN (vii). Launch December 2007.
 - Assessment process enhanced to provide greater sensitivity.
 - Formulation of 33 assessment questions.
 - Emphasis on shared priorities; improving accessibility, reducing congestion, improving air quality and reducing casualties.
 - Development of "mini-PIPKIN" more user friendly.
 - KCC Officer training sessions November to December 2007.
 - Member's Introductory Session January 2008.
- Implementation of PIPKIN (vii).
 - 2009/10 integrated transport programme.
 - A single stage in a wider four stage process.
 - An inclusive approach, using a transparent system.



Scheme Prioritisation – PIPKIN - 2009/10 Programme

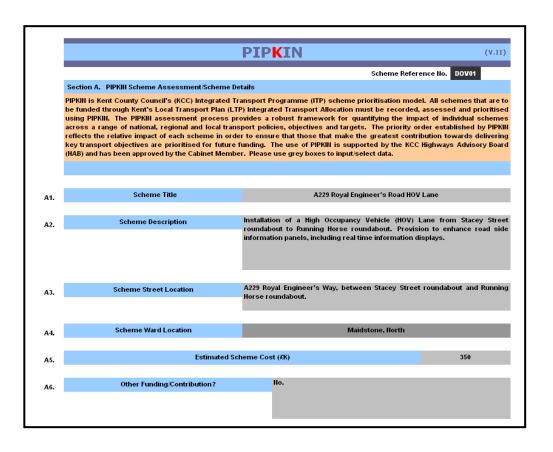
Integrated Transport Programme – a four stage process.



 A significant role for local JTBs, the HAB, Parish and District Councils and other key stakeholders.

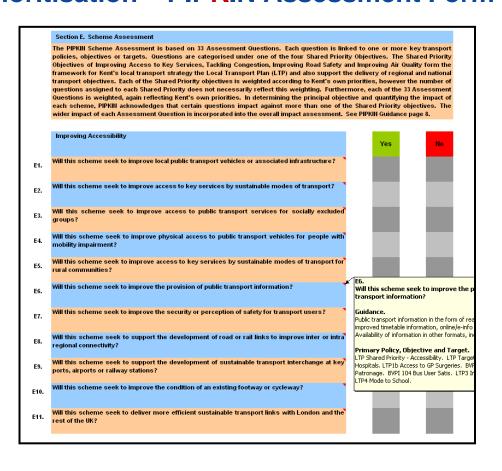


Scheme Prioritisation – PIPKIN Assessment Form



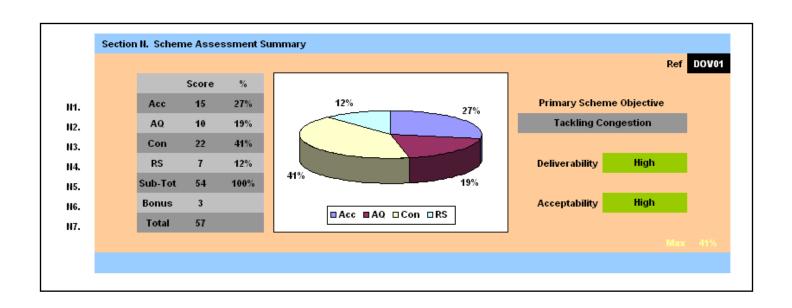


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In summary...

- KCC is responsible for implementing the County's Integrated Transport Programme.
- The programme must reflect the policies, objectives and targets set out in the LTP at a local level.
- KCC will continue to lead in the identification of new schemes.
- New schemes must be identified in conjunction with local communities and through effective engagement with local Parish and District Councils, local Joint Transportation Boards (JTBs) and Highways Advisory Board (HAB).
- All Integrated Transport proposals must be assessed and prioritised using PIPKIN.
- PIPKIN provides a robust and consistent framework for assessing and prioritising scheme proposals.
- PIPKIN is an approved methodology for prioritising schemes. It is a tool and should be used accordingly.
- PIPKIN forms a single component of a wider Integrated Transport Planning process.
- The outputs of PIPKIN must be interpreted accurately and in the context of local circumstances.
- All programmes must be presented to the Highways Advisory Board (HAB) and are subject to approval by the Cabinet Member.