

Portfolio Holder Decision

Subject: The Future of Rail in the South East: A Joint Vision Statement (Gatwick Airport Operator)

Taken by: Cllr Mrs Davison

Date of decision:

Details of Decision:

The Council endorses the Joint Vision Statement and agrees for its logo to be added to the statement with those of other local authorities that are signed up to it.

Documents considered:

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Reasons for Decision:

SDC supports reinstatement of rail links between Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Gatwick. This would reduce the need to travel along the M25 through the District, which is an Air Quality Management Area, and increase the attractiveness of business and tourist locations in the District. Recent representations on the Draft Gatwick Airport Masterplan and the Kent Rail Action Plan have raised a need for this service. The Joint Vision Statement proposed by the Gatwick Airport Operator stresses the need for improved rail access to Gatwick. It is considered that working with the Gatwick Airport Operator and other local authorities, such as West Sussex, Crawley and Horsham, will increase the chances of improvements to rail connections to Gatwick being agreed through the next rail franchise agreements.

Local Member(s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service consulted.

Kristen Paterson – Deputy Chief Executive and Community and Planning Services Director

Signed by Portfolio Holder: [REDACTED]

Record made by: V ETHERIDGE

Date: 16.05.12

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