



namely Chipstead and Swanley which are both known to be currently pursuing a 20mph scheme.

f) Councillors further noted that STC had conducted its consultation on the basis of the original quote received from KCC, which did not include the cost or notification that STC would need to pay for deillumination of street signs. KCC had neither informed STC of this at that point, nor included it in their own public consultation for the original 20mph zone proposed in 2022.

g) It was **agreed** that the Working Group make the following recommendation to the Finance & Delivery Committee:

**That STC continue to raise its strong concerns to KCC about the creation of a blanket need for de-illumination of street signs, as part of 20mph implementation and at the cost of the client, when not required by policy or traffic safety initiative.**

h) It was further noted that KCC Member Cllr Streatfeild had emailed Kent County Council Portfolio Holder Cllr Baker to raise his joint concerns with imposing the cost of deilluminating street lights to the client when not backed up by any safety benefits or policy. It would also be brought to the attention of the Kent Association of Local Councils on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### **35. Other points of note**

Cllr Ancrum advised that she had recently met with representatives of Sevenoaks Climate Action Network to discuss initiatives which the Town Council could be pursuing to improve the carbon footprint of the Town. They had recommended that promoting energy efficiency initiatives such as retrofitting, as well as existing schemes which aim to help people achieve this, should be the Town Council's priority.

**Meeting concluded at 9:54am.**