

Kent County Council
Environmental and Planning Department

Information relating to Kent County Council's Environmental and Planning Department can be found in Kent County Council's published budget book for 2013/14 (page 39, row 61), to be read in conjunction with the A-Z Variation Statement on page 119, relating to the Countryside Access Service (including: Public Rights of Way).

In addition, section 3 of Kent County Council's capital investment plan covers 'Public Rights of Way – Structural Improvements' (see page 16) which in 2013/14 has invested £836,000 into essential public rights of way surfacing and bridge replacements.

The budget book can be found via the following link:

<https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/council-and-democracy/council%20financial%20publications/budgetbook1314.pdf>

Sustainable transport use for business journeys is promoted to Kent County Council employees and this includes: walking and cycling. This provides a means to reduce spend on business miles claims and reduces travel related carbon emissions.

As part of the ongoing office rationalisation and refurbishment programme, travel planning is carried out and sustainable travel options are promoted to staff. Cycling facilities are included in the refurbishment plans to include secure bicycle parking, showers and personal locker storage. At County Hall, £4000 is being spent in 2013-14 on additional secure bicycle racks due to increasing staff demand for these facilities.

Staff are also able to take advantage of the Cycle2Work scheme by purchasing a bicycle and safety equipment for commuting to and from work, through a salary sacrifice scheme. This scheme avoids tax and reduces the overall cost to the individual. In addition, business travel carried out by bicycle attracts a 20p per mile reimbursement in expenses, 25p lower than car mileage reimbursement rate.