

APPROVAL FOR MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS/VISITS

involving travel abroad / individual costs exceeding £500 / aggregate costs for more than one member of £1,000

Name of Member(s) travelling:

- Cllr Rodney Bass, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation
- Cllr Eddie Johnson, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Small Schemes Delivery

Name of officers also attending (if any) (to allow the Committee to make a full assessment of ECC representation)	- Paul Bird, Director for Commissioning: Transport and Infrastructure - John Denegri, Commissioning Contract Manager, Highways Will Bibby, Cabinet Officer
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Ringway Jacobs staff attending

- Mike Notman, Managing Director Ringway Jacobs
- Phil Skegg, Operations Director Ringway Jacobs
- Mark Rowe, Service Director, Ringway Jacobs
- Mike Thompson, Contract Director, Ringway Jacobs)

Note: the cost of the visit for all attendees is being covered by Ringway Jacobs, there is no financial cost to ECC

Details of the visit/event (incl. dates): Visit to Ringway Jacobs Innovation Centre :

2 June – overnight stay at Gatwick Airport

3 June – flight Gatwick to Bordeaux 06:50, visit to Innovation Centre and overnight stay in Bordeaux

4 June – visit to Innovation Centre, return flight to Gatwick

Estimated cost of the visit:	£ £285.00 per person (costs to be covered by Ringway Jacobs)
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Rationale for the estimated cost:

* Please note you will need to demonstrate that in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme three quotes have been obtained before booking foreign hotels.

Flights - £80:00 per person

Hotel, Bordeaux - £85.00 per person
Hotel, Gatwick - £120.00 per person

Purpose of the visit and anticipated value to the County Council:

- The objective of the fact finding trip is to look at the latest technologies, research and materials for highways maintenance to ensure that the most efficient, cost effective and long-lasting methods are used to fix defects on the roads, thus ensuring the best value for Essex residents.
- We are in year 4 of a 10 (plus 5) year strategic partnership with Ringway Jacobs and have been through a full and comprehensive procurement process
- We want to take the opportunity to learn from the global experience of Ringway Jacobs parent companies – Eurovia/Vinci and Jacobs. This will allow us to innovate and create further efficiency opportunities and ensure that we get best value from reactive revenue spend and capital investment in preventative maintenance.
- Vinci have a materials technology research facility and access to these innovations is a crucial element of our strategic partnership and will allow us to look at new material and products that are suitable for improving and maintaining the road network in Essex.
- The team will spend their time looking at emerging technologies for materials and products to maximise value across the whole life our infrastructure assets to improve the service in Essex
- The cost identified above includes an evening meal which will be taken at the hotel

Approved

Comments of the Chief Executive

The purpose of this visit meets Essex County Council approved business and the costs comply with ECC policies

Comments of the Section 151 Officer