

Performance Review Measures for Kent County Council 2025/26

ACHIEVEMENTS

Your Money

- Reduced debt by £114 million
- Reduced debt interest paid by £3,362 per day
- Set a Council Tax increase lower than 86% of County, Metropolitan and Unitary Councils in England
- Made £115 million savings and re-prioritised future spend of £39.5 million
- Set budget with no extra borrowings, net increase in reserves, and increased spending for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Environment, Highways and Transport

Putting Kent First

- Devised option for local government to save Kent taxpayers £450 million over 10 years
- Produced 'Reforming Kent' plan setting out Kent's priorities
- Scrapped 'Climate Emergency Declaration' and need for Net Zero by 2030
- Campaigned for:
 - new Nuclear provision at Dungeness
 - International rail service to reopen at Ashford and Ebbsfleet
 - Environment Tax for foreign lorries

Saving Your Services

Saved

- Saving and improving 99 Libraries. 34 were previously earmarked for closure.
- Invested in Country Parks
- Community Wardens
- School Crossing Staff

(All threatened by previous Conservative administration)

Your Education Services

- 98% of Early Years settings deemed 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted
- 96% of pupils obtained a place at one of their preferred schools

Your Businesses

- Produced Kent's first Commercial Strategy
- £55 million more of contracts awarded to Kent companies
- Provided enhanced support for 500 Kent supplier companies

Your Roads

- Record amount spent on road repairs
- Record 33,583 potholes repaired

Your Satisfaction

- Libraries: 95%
- Archives: 96%
- Registration Services: 96%

Our Next Year

- Protecting your valued services
- Tighter contracts and value for money
- Emphasis on quality
- Spending your money carefully
- Putting Kent's residents first

SCALE AND ACTIVITY LEVELS

- Maintained 1.1 million square miles of roads and 36,000m² footways
- 84,816 drainage gullies cleared and 320 gullies repaired
- 33,583 potholes repaired verified* possibly >40k unverified.
- 673,573 tonnes of waste dealt with by KCC
- 99.6% of municipal waste diverted from landfill
- 10,589 concessionary bus passes issued
- 34,873 blue badges issued and 94,137 managed
- 20,197 Freedom of Information and Subject Access requests dealt with
- Responded to 370,639 queries via the KCC 'Contact Point' and the Highways reporting process
- 250,888 pupils in primary, secondary and special schools
- 48,100 SEND pupils supported
- Supported 594 foster households
- 2.7 million visitors to libraries and 1.26 million to country parks

- 6,482 weddings and civil ceremonies carried out by KCC
- 19,039 adults supported via care homes and home help
- 401 homes brought back to the market through the No Homes Empty programme
- 1,106 businesses assisted via the Kent and Medway Growth Hub
- Value of contracts negotiated by KCC was £651 million
- 514 people provided with supported employment services by the Connect to Work programme

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