

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

19 November 2008

### Report of the Chief Executive

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Information

#### **1 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**To report on the first meeting of the new LSP for the Borough.**

#### **1.1 Background**

1.1.1 Members will be aware that a new Local Strategic Partnership for the Borough needed to be formed following a recent review of the West Kent Partnership led by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. That review concluded that the West Kent Partnership should continue as a strategic partnership for the area focusing on those more significant issues relevant to the West Kent area as a whole. To provide a more local district perspective and to oversee work in the sustainable community strategy for the area, the review concluded that each district should develop a new LSP at the borough level.

#### **1.2 Progress to Date**

1.2.1 The first meeting of the new LSP for the borough was held on 15 October 2008. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached as Annex 1 to this report. I am pleased to report that the meeting was well attended and attracted high level representation from key partners. As can be seen from the minutes, members of the LSP received a number of presentations about key issues for the LSP and were invited to indicate topics on which the LSP would concentrate its discussions at future meetings. The initial topics selected for consideration were affordable housing and care for older people. In addition, the LSP would need to consider a review of the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy, the adoption of a local action plan for the Kent Agreement (reported elsewhere on this agenda) and a climate change adaptation plan.

1.2.2 Reports on progress with the LSP and any issues arising from its discussions will be reported either to the Cabinet or relevant Advisory Board as appropriate.

Background papers:

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Nil

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