

**TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, 16th November, 2009**

**Present:** Cllr D A S Davis (Chairman), Cllr J A L Balcombe, Cllr C Brown, Cllr D Keeley, Cllr R D Lancaster, Cllr Miss J L Sergison, Cllr Mrs E A Simpson and Cllr Mrs C J Woodger.

Councillors Aikman, Mrs Anderson, Ms Atkinson, Coffin, Dobson, Heslop and Worrall were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chartres and Ms Spence (Vice-Chairman).

**PART 1 - PUBLIC**

**CD  
09/031      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**CD  
09/032      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board held on 28 July 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET**

**CD  
09/033      WEST KENT INVESTMENT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION DRAFT**

Decision Notice D090153MEM

The joint report of the Cabinet Member for Community Development and the Chief Executive introduced the draft West Kent Investment Strategy prepared by the West Kent Partnership with the aim of focusing on the investments needed to improve the local economy and associated infrastructure requirements. Consideration was given to a suggested response to the draft document prior to its formal adoption by the West Kent Partnership by March 2010.

It was agreed that the Strategy should be realistic and contain a reduced number of key priorities. Concern was also expressed about the implications of the emerging regional agenda and the importance of ensuring funding for future investment in West Kent.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

(1) the Borough Council welcome publication of the draft West Kent Investment Strategy; and

(2) comments on the draft Strategy be submitted based on the issues raised in the report and reflecting concerns about the implications of the sub-regional review on investment in West Kent.

**CD  
09/034**

**THE KENT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION  
DOCUMENT**

Decision Notice D090154MEM

The report of the Chief Executive gave details of the revised version of the Kent Environment Strategy which had been organised into three themes representing the major challenges and opportunities for Kent over the next 10-20 years: 1) Prosperity within our environmental limits; 2) Rising to the challenge of climate change; and 3) Value from our natural and living environment. Consultees had been invited to select the top three actions which would make the most significant contribution towards delivering the objectives within the three themes.

Members made a number of comments on the suggested actions and requested that the third item under theme 2 with respect to generation of renewable energy at community and micro-level be checked to ensure that it did not conflict with planning policy. Concern was also expressed about the context within which the Strategy had been set, reflecting the Total Place concept which it was feared would be harmful to the Borough in terms of its future share of external resources.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

(1) the top three priority actions for each theme, as set out in the report, be approved subject to confirming that the third action under Theme 2 does not conflict with planning policy; and

(2) a response outlining the choices and raising concerns about the context within which the document had been set be submitted to Kent County Council as part of the consultation for the Kent Environment Strategy.

**CD  
09/035**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - A REVIEW**

Decision Notice D090155MEM

The joint report of the Cabinet Member for Community Development and the Chief Executive set out a revised approach to the focus and funding of community development within the Borough. Reference was made to the work of the Beat Project and to research undertaken by the Young Foundation in East Malling. It was noted that the primary focus of the proposed new Borough Community Development Partnership would remain on the three priority communities of

Snodland, East Malling and Trench but would allow additional flexibility to respond to needs elsewhere in the Borough.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Borough Council enter into negotiations with key partners with a view to securing support for and financial commitment towards the establishment of a Borough Community Development Partnership from April 2010.

**CD  
09/036**

## **HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVES - UPDATE**

Decision Notice D090156MEM

The report of the Chief Executive provided an update on a number of issues relating to the Borough Council's work to promote healthy living in accordance with one of its key priorities. Details were given of two further initiatives which aimed to strengthen the work on health improvement across the Borough, involving the creation of a multi-agency Health Action Team and the employment of a Healthy Living Co-ordinator funded by the Primary Care Trust.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

(1) the Borough Council support the formation of a multi-agency Health Action Team to take forward work to deliver the Council's key priority on healthy living; and

(2) the appointment of a Healthy Living Co-ordinator for the Borough be approved on the basis set out in the report.

## **MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION**

**CD  
09/037**

## **PLASTIC RECYCLING UPDATE REPORT**

As requested at the last meeting (Minute CD 09/027), the Director of Health and Housing presented a report updating the position on the Council's approach to plastic recycling including performance information and the costs of providing existing services. Members were reminded of the locations of the network of banks at the 'bring' sites for collection of plastic bottles and of the merits and disadvantages of providing a kerbside collection of plastics. It was noted that given the uncertainties associated with the Council's overall financial position, it was not possible to consider additional revenue growth exceeding £200,000 per annum to introduce a kerbside recycling scheme for plastic.

**CD  
09/038**

## **UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Members received an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership including progress with the Action Plan. It was noted that there had been some recent changes to police personnel within the Borough, Chief Inspector Jon Kirby replacing Dave Pate.

**CD  
09/039**

**LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - NOTE OF MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of the Tonbridge and Malling Local Strategic Partnership held on 14 October 2009 were presented and noted by Members.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**

**CD  
09/040**

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No items were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2100 hours

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## RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR  
Community Development**

**Decision No: D090153MEM**

**Date: 16th November 2009**

### **Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

#### **West Kent Investment Strategy - Consultation Draft**

**(Joint Report of Cabinet Member for Community Development and  
Chief Executive)  
(Annex)**

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**It was agreed that the Strategy should be realistic and contain a reduced number of key priorities. Concern was also expressed about the implications of the emerging regional agenda and the importance of ensuring funding for future investment in West Kent.**

Following consideration by the Community Development Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Community Development resolved that:

- 1) the Borough Council welcome publication of the draft West Kent Investment Strategy; and
- 2) comments on the draft Strategy be submitted based on the issues raised in the report and reflecting concerns about the implications of the sub-regional review on investment in West Kent.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Community Development Advisory Board of 16 November 2009.

Signed Cabinet Member for N Heslop  
Community Development:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

**Date of publication: 20 November 2009**

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Community Development**

Decision No: **D090154MEM**

Date: **16th November 2009**

### **Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

#### **The Kent Environment Strategy - Consultation Document**

**(Report of Chief Executive)  
(Annex)**

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**Concern was expressed about the context within which the Strategy had been set, reflecting the Total Place concept which it was feared would be harmful to the Borough in terms of its future share of external resources.**

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- 2) a response outlining the choices and raising concerns about the context within which the document had been set be submitted to Kent County Council as part of the consultation for the Kent Environment Strategy.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Community Development Advisory Board of 16 November 2009 and to express concern about the implications of the Total Place concept on the Borough.

Signed Cabinet Member for N Heslop  
Community Development:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

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#### **Community Development - A Review**

**(Joint Report of Cabinet Member for Community Development and Chief Executive)**

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Community Development:

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Community Development:

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