

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, 15th November, 2010

Present: Cllr D A S Davis (Chairman), Cllr Ms S V Spence (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J A L Balcombe, Cllr F R D Chartres, Cllr R D Lancaster, Cllr A G Sayer and Cllr Miss J L Sergison.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keeley, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Woodger.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**CD
10/020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillors Heslop and Worrall declared personal interests in the items concerning Update on Local Health Issues and Liberating the NHS - Local Democratic Legitimacy In Health on the grounds of being respectively the Chairman of West Kent Cruse and a non-executive Director of the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

**CD
10/021 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board held on 9 June 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of Councillor Miss Sergison in the attendance list.

**CD
10/022 UPDATE ON LOCAL HEALTH ISSUES**

The Advisory Board received a presentation from Julia Ross, Director of Strategy and Communications, West Kent Primary Care Trust which gave an update on local health issues and planned reforms to the NHS. An outline was given of the principles underpinning the vision in the NHS White Paper which provided for services to be centred around patients with GPs taking the lead and integration of health and social care. Reference was made to the establishment of GP consortia to commission the majority of NHS services, a National Commissioning Board to hold GPs to account and a Health and Wellbeing Board at County level to ensure joined-up commissioning. Members were advised that there were initial indications that three GP consortia would be formed in West Kent comprising Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley, Maidstone and Malling and South West Kent (Tonbridge, Tunbridge

Wells and possibly Sevenoaks). Reference was made to the leading role of local authorities in setting strategy, the Government's exploration of place based budgets for key services and the establishment of national and local Health Watch organisations within the Care Quality Commission. It was also indicated that a White Paper on the new National Public Health Service was expected shortly.

Members welcomed the proposed reforms on the basis that GPs were best placed to co-ordinate the care of individuals. It was acknowledged that much depended on the detail of the new arrangements which would determine whether the desired outcomes were realised and genuinely seamless services achieved. Some concerns were expressed about the omission of mental health services from the National Commissioning Board and the importance of meeting health inequalities across the country. There were reservations about the grouping of the three GP consortia in West Kent involving the division of the Borough again with concerns about the ability to make effective representations to providers. Julia Ross undertook to introduce these issues at a forthcoming meeting with the emerging consortia.

Members commented on a number of structural arrangements in a two tier local government area and emphasised the need to bring in a range of agencies and district council services at the earliest opportunity in order to contribute towards preventative care and reduction of inequality. The Board acknowledged the importance of influencing the detailed arrangements to ensure that any available funding would not bypass the area and, in particular, that cottage hospitals should be available to the local GPs.

The Chairman then thanked Julia Ross for her contribution to the meeting and Members recorded their appreciation of her assistance to the Borough Council in the past with the hope that she would be able to continue in a suitable role under the new regime.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

**CD
10/023**

LIBERATING THE NHS - LOCAL DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY IN HEALTH

Decision Notice D100133MEM

The report of the Chief Executive outlined the proposals for the reform of the NHS contained in the White Paper published by the Coalition Government in July 2010. Details were given of a consultation on local democratic legitimacy in health together with a response which had been submitted in order to meet the deadline of 11 October 2010.

RECOMMENDED: That the response to 'Liberating the NHS - Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health', as set out at Annex B to the report, be endorsed.

**CD
10/024**

THE KENT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY - DRAFT DOCUMENT

Decision Notice D100134MEM

Further to Decision No D090154MEM, the report of the Chief Executive updated the position on the latest draft version of the Kent Environment Strategy. It was noted that all the 'top actions' chosen by the Borough Council in response to the previous consultation document were covered in some way within the draft strategy and it was anticipated that more specific targets would be set within a three year rolling action plan.

Particular concern was expressed about progress by the appropriate agencies on action in response to the Borough Council's monitoring of air quality.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the latest draft version of the Kent Environment Strategy as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be adopted; and
- (2) Kent County Council be invited to present the Strategy to and discuss the suggested targets with the Local Strategic Partnership and other relevant forums.

**CD
10/025**

CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE REPORT

Decision Notice D100135MEM

The report of the Chief Executive gave details of progress against targets within the Council's Climate Change Strategy and the final year of its three year implementation plan. Consideration was given to options for taking forward work on climate change in view of the uncertainty regarding the future of the National Indicators and pending receipt of further Government guidance.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the third year update, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be approved; and
- (2) a further report be presented regarding the need for an update of the Climate Change Strategy on receipt of clarification of Government guidance on these issues.

**CD
10/026**

UPDATE ON THE SAFER TOWNS PARTNERSHIP

Decision Notice D100136MEM

The Chief Executive's report provided an update on progress made in relation to the Safer Towns Partnership. Reference was made to the increased number of businesses involved in the scheme in Tonbridge, proposals to introduce the scheme in West Malling when a number of

issues with the technology were resolved, and in due course to expand the scheme to Snodland and Larkfield.

RECOMMENDED: That the progress made regarding the further development of the Safer Towns Partnership be noted and endorsed.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

**CD
10/027** **COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS FILM**

The Advisory Board received a presentation of the DVD prepared by the Beat Project featuring residents' views of Snodland and East Malling. Members were encouraged that the comments expressed demonstrated an improvement over the last five years.

**CD
10/028** **UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

The report gave an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership with particular reference to crime statistics, the fact that the Police had now moved into the Community Safety Unit at the Gibson Building and the launch of a cold calling control zone in Eccles. Members requested that a further update on the operation of the Community Safety Unit be made to a future meeting of the Advisory Board.

**CD
10/029** **LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP - UPDATES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership held on 22 September 2010 were presented, the meeting having focused on a number of issues relating to older people and health improvement. A summary was also presented of the outcome of the West Kent Partnership business conference held on 19 October 2010.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**CD
10/030** **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No items were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2109 hours

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RECORD OF DECISION

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

Decision No: D100133MEM

Date: 15th November 2010

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Liberating the NHS - Local Democratic Legitimacy In Health

(Report of Chief Executive)

(Annex A)

(Annex B)

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Following consideration by the Community Development Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Community Safety resolved that the response to 'Liberating the NHS – Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health', as set out at Annex B to the report, be endorsed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Community Development Advisory Board of 15 November 2010.

[Councillor Worrall declared a personal interest in this item on the grounds of being a non-executive director of the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.]

Signed Cabinet Member for M Dobson
Community Safety:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 19 November 2010

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Community Development**

Decision No: D100134MEM

Date: 15th November 2010

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

The Kent Environment Strategy - Draft Document

**(Report of Chief Executive)
(Annex (3.09 M/bytes))**

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Signed Cabinet Member for N Heslop
Community Development:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

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Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Climate Change Update Report

(Report of Chief Executive)

(Annex 1)

(Annex 2)

(Annex 3)

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Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Update on the Safer Towns Partnership

(Report of Chief Executive)

An update was given on progress made in relation to the Safer Towns Partnership.

Following consideration by the Community Development Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Community Safety resolved that the progress made regarding the further development of the Safer Towns Partnership be noted and endorsed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Community Development Advisory Board of 15 November 2010.

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