

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**23 July 2012**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 MINUTES OF THE RECENT MEETINGS OF THE WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP AND THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**To receive the minutes of the above partnership meetings.**

**1.1 The West Kent Partnership**

1.1.1 The West Kent Partnership last met on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and the minutes of that meeting are attached as Annex 1 to this report.

1.1.2 The meeting included items on fair funding issues for the South East, an update on issues currently being addressed by the South East Local Economic Partnership (LEP) including work on addressing rural issues which is of particular importance to this Borough, the recent success of the West Kent 100 in 100 apprenticeship scheme which has now reached its target of appointing 100 new apprentices from 100 different local companies, an update on the West Kent Leader programme (reported separately on this agenda), an update on local transport issues including the launch by the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Acute Trust of the enhanced volunteer driver scheme for clinical appointments, and an update in progress with key local transport projects including the A21 improvements and local public transport issues.

**1.2 The Local Strategic Partnership**

1.2.1 The Local Strategic Partnership met on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and the minutes of that meeting are attached as Annex 2 to this report.

1.2.2 The meeting focused on KCC's review of library provision in the County, and proposals for the transformation of Adult Social Services and the CLG Troubled Families programme (reported separately on this agenda). The LSP meeting was held at the RBLI Aylesford and, prior to the meeting, the Borough Council and the RBLI jointly signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant (as reported previously to this Board) in the presence of the Mayor and members of the LSP. The Community Covenant commits both organisations to closer, joint working on

projects of mutual concern. Work is now underway to discuss what specific projects could be developed under the terms of the Covenant.

Background papers:

contact: Mark Raymond

Nil

David Hughes  
Chief Executive

<b>Screening for equality impacts:</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Explanation of impacts</b>
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	N/A	
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	N/A	
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

*In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.*