

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD

28 March 2013

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND A SUMMARY OF THE WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

To note the matters arising from the above meetings.

1.1 The Local Strategic Partnership

1.1.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership held in on 14th December 2012 are attached as Annex 1 to this report. The meeting included items on activities for young people including an update on the Young Leaders in Cricket programme and the Treejumpers initiative operated at the Hop Farm. The future of the latter programme now remains unclear given the Hop Farm's current financial situation.

1.1.2 The meeting also focused on a number of matters of common concern to partners where further joint working between agencies was thought to be necessary. This included concerns about the introduction of Universal Credit, broadband issues (reported elsewhere on this agenda), joint projects with RBLI Aylesford, and the Kent Troubled Families Programme.

1.1.3 A further meeting of the LSP took place on 22 March 2013 and the minutes from this meeting will be reported to the next meeting of the Board.

1.2 The West Kent Partnership Conference

1.2.1 The West Kent Partnership held its annual business conference on 18th January 2013 and a brief overview of the event is attached as Annex 2 to this report. The event focused on business engagement and the economic role of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). Although final numbers attending were affected by the adverse weather, the event proved a useful opportunity for local businesses and partners to lobby key representatives of the LEP to ensure the needs of the West Kent/East Sussex area were properly recognised and for participants to understand more about the role of the LEP in fostering growth across the South East.

- 1.2.2 As reported elsewhere on this agenda, the most important outcome was the decision to progress a bid to the RGF to further support the local economy, which has now been taken forward.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Chief Executive

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
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?	No	
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.