

KCC

Services Update June 2014



Community Engagement - Bringing People Together

Facing the Challenge

KCC Transformation Programme and budget

- Over £300m savings needed between April 2014 and March 2017
 - £270m saved since 2011
 - Its about delivering services differently and saving money
 - New organisational structure in place.
 - Developing a new strategic plan for Kent to replace “Bold Steps for Kent ”
 - Appointment process for top two tiers of management complete.
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New Directorates

Kent County Council staff are organised into directorates providing different services delivered by many teams and units.

The four directorates are:

Social Care, Health and Wellbeing – Andrew Ireland
Education & Young People's Services – Patrick Leeson
Growth, Environment and Transport – Mike Austerberry
Strategic and Corporate Services - David Cockburn

Combined Member Grants

- New Scheme now open
 - One scheme cover Community and Highways Projects
 - 25k per Member available for this year
 - Last year over 15 different organisations operating in Tonbridge benefitted from Member Grants.
 - More details by contacting your local Members Chris Smith and Richard Long or by contacting myself.
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Awards last year included;

- **Tonbridge Park Run facilities**
 - **Army Cadet Force Equipment**
 - **The Gift - Food Bank for Winter 2013/2014**
 - **Tonbridge Taster Day**
 - **Tonbridge Memorial Garden School Statue Project**
 - **Provision of Debt Advice to Services Families**
 - **Tonbridge Litter Catchers Clean Up and Gardening Project**
 - **Tonbridge Park Run**
 - **St Phillips Church - Secure Play Area**
 - **Kent Search and Rescue - Flood Response Equipment**
 - **Lavender Hill Tonbridge - Flood Alleviation Project**
 - **MIND in Tonbridge**
 - **Tonbridge Music Club - Benson Young Artists Concert**
 - **Activate Youth Scheme**
 - **Kent Youth County Council E-Safety Campaign**
 - **Kenward Trust Intervention Project**
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Adoption – Change a Child's Future

Kent County Council is launching a new adoption campaign to find homes for 43 children who urgently need to find forever families.

KCC is finding homes for youngsters in Kent every day but some of these 43 vulnerable children have been waiting for some time and urgently need a family now or face a future in care.

If you can help or you know someone you think may be interested them please encourage them to visit the website or

- **Saturday 5 July**, 10am-12noon – Ditton Community Centre, Kilbarn Road, Ditton, Aylesford ME20 6AH
- **Saturday 19 July**, Hilton Maidstone, Bearsted Road, ME14 5AA.

Please see the Kent adoption website www.kentadoption.co.uk/ for details

Pothole Fund gets £6m boost

- Government award Kent £6.3m grant
 - Reducing cost of pothole repairs
 - Kent has fixed more than 21,000 potholes in past 12 months – at a cost of around £790,000
 - Residents are asked to report potholes and other faults on line at www.kent.gov.uk/highways, where details can be easily uploaded and locations pinpointed on an interactive map.
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Shared Lives needs hosts in T&M

- Shared Lives means taking someone into your home who is unable to live independently and needs some practical and emotional support.
- This person would be with you either for a few days or hours respite (a [short break](#)), on a long term basis or as a stepping stone to independent living.
- You don't have to be married to become a host, and you don't need any special qualifications. All you need to offer is a spare bedroom (for people staying overnight), a warm welcome and the time to give your new house guest the help and support they need. You will be paid for your services and we will give you training to help you.
- We need more people who can share their home for short breaks, day support or long term care. Full training and a financial package is available for the challenging and rewarding role.
- For more information visit;
www.kent.gov.uk/sharedlives



Community Engagement Overview

The core aims and objectives of the Community Engagement Team are key to delivering the Leaders 'Facing the Challenge' vision of “**putting the customer at the heart of our services**” The Team aim to;

- Ensure engagement is inclusive and accessible
- Reach those groups that are rarely heard
- Support Members and local communities to identify blockages, find solutions and ultimately improve local services provided by KCC.
- Work in partnership with organisations across Kent connecting people and sharing information.
- Bring people together and making best use of resources across the County.
- Support KCC Decision makers, ensuring commissioning plans meet service users and resident needs.



Any Questions?

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