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Dear Member

**GROWTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITIES CABINET COMMITTEE -  
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I enclose, for consideration at the Wednesday, 22 January 2025 meeting of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee, the following appendix to Item 13 which was omitted when the agenda was published.

**Agenda Item No**

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**Update on the implementation of the New Operating Model and Geographical Allocation Policy for the Community Warden Service (Pages 1 - 4)**

Yours sincerely

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Benjamin Watts  
General Counsel

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## **Appendix A:- Final Ward allocations**

Please note that the wards where wardens will be allocated will be their primary area to focus their proactive, community-based work. Referrals from partners can still be submitted to the service for consideration. Where capacity and time allows, the community wardens may undertake referrals outside of the prioritised wards.

It is appreciated that determining ward areas is not straight forward and have found this Kent Police tool [Your area | Kent Police](#) helpful to search and find wards and their boundaries. A postcode look-up for the service webpage is also in development.

It is understood that electoral ward boundaries have changed in some districts in recent months. The data gathering and modelling which has been undertaken to inform warden allocations and been in development for a while, utilised the 2019 ward boundaries. As these have informed our prioritisation of areas of higher need and where we can have greatest impact, our warden allocations will continue to align to the 2019 boundaries for the time being. As new data becomes available and we are able to review the first roll out of the geographical allocation policy, we can reassess these boundaries.

The Geographical Allocation Policy (GAP) used data and indicators of need to:

- Identify districts with higher need, informing which teams will be enhanced beyond the minimum of 1 Team Leader and 3 wardens (within the limit of 38 wardens overall).
- Then, along with partner information, identify wards with highest need in each district to be prioritised for warden allocation (whilst remaining within the ratio of 1 warden to 6000-12000 population) where they will focus/target their work.

N.B. Warden FTE per district ranges from 1.5 to 4, and ward populations range from ~2000 to 12000.

Please see the following information showing which wards the service will be covering. The aim is for the transitions to the final allocations to be complete by the start of 2025.

**Ashford** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Isle of Oxney
- Tenterden South
- Rolvenden & Tenterden West
- Tenterden North
- Bockhanger
- Upper Weald
- Weald Central
- Beaver

**Swale** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward

- Sheppey East
- Queenborough and Halfway
- East Downs
- Roman
- Abbey

**Canterbury** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Swalecliffe
- Gorrell
- Nailbourne
- Sturry
- Greenhill
- West Bay

**Thanet** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Newington
- Dane Valley
- Northwood
- Birchington South
- Westgate-on-Sea

**Dartford** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Darenth
- Wilmington, Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley
- Swanscombe

**Gravesham** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Coldharbour
- Singlewell

**Dover** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Buckland
- Alkham & Capel-le-Ferne
- St Radigunds
- Tower Hamlets
- North Deal
- Aylesham, Eythorne & Shepherdsweil
- Eastry Rural
- Guston, Kingsdown & St Margaret's-at-Cliffe

**Folkestone & Hythe** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Romney Marsh
- Walland & Denge Marsh
- Folkestone Harbour
- Hythe
- East Folkestone

**Maidstone** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Shepway South
- Shepway North
- Parkwood
- Sutton Valance and Langley
- Fant

**Tonbridge & Malling** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- East Malling
- Trench
- Hadlow and East Peckham

**Sevenoaks** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Farningham, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
- Fawkham and West Kingsdown
- Crockenhill and Well Hill

**Tunbridge Wells** - Wards to be allocated warden coverage going forward:

- Benenden and Cranbrook
- Hawkhurst and Sandhurst
- Paddock Wood East