

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 6 September 2007.

PRESENT:

Mr L B Ridings (Chairman)
Mr P W A Lake (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, Mrs C Angell, Mr M J Angell, Mr A R Bassam, Mr T J Birkett, Mr R H C Bliss, Mr J R Bullock, MBE, Mr R B Burgess, Mr C J Capon, Ms S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A R Chell, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr L Christie, Mr B R Cope, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mr J A Davies, Dr M R Eddy, Mr K A Ferrin, MBE, Mr C G Findlay, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Mrs E Green, Ms A Harrison, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr G A Horne MBE, Mr E E C Hotson, Mr I T N Jones, DL, Mr R E King, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr K G Lynes, Mr T A Maddison, Mr R F Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, DL, Mr M J Northey, Mr R J E Parker, Mr R J Parry, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr A R Poole, Mr L B Ridings, Dr T R Robinson, Mr G Rowe, Mr D Smyth, Mr M V Snelling, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mr R Truelove, Mrs E M Tweed, Mr M J Vye and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Wild (Director of Law and Governance).

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Declarations of Interest

Mr P Lake made a disclosure of personal interest in accordance with Part 2 of the Code of Conduct, Mr P Lake as a Non-executive Director of the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June and 24 July 2007 and if in order, to be approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on 21 June and 24 July 2007 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Announcements

Resignation of Mr K Sansum, County Councillor for Dover Town

- (1) The Chairman officially reported the resignation of Mr K Sansum as County Councillor for Dover Town.
- (2) RESOLVED that this Council record its thanks to Mr Sansum for his loyal service.

Managing Director, Environment and Regeneration

The Chairman welcomed Mr Adam Wilkinson to his first meeting of the Council since his appointment

4. Questions

Under Procedure Rule 1.18, 11 questions were asked and replies were given.

5. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)

The Leader updated the Council on “What Price Growth” and “Freight Strategies”.

6. Changes to the Constitution

RESOLVED that the recommendations set out in the report and the consequential changes to the Constitution be approved with effect from 18 October 2007.

7. Minutes for Approval - Governance and Audit Committee - 29 June 2007

Mr C G Findlay moved, seconded by Mr R Long that the Council notes these Minutes and that, in respect of Minute 21 “Spending the Council’s Money”, the resultant proposed new Contract and Tenders Standing Orders be approved for entry into the Constitution.

Carried without a vote

8. Live Life to the Full - A Public Health Strategy for Kent

RESOLVED that the Public Health Strategy for Kent be approved.

9. Informal Member Group "Going Local" - Concluding Report to County Council and Cabinet September 2007

RESOLVED that the views expressed by the Council during debate, together with the IMG Report and the views of Chief Officers be submitted to the Cabinet in order for a series of options to be developed for taking forward with other local authority partners.

10. Minutes for Information

Pursuant to Procedure Rules 1.10 and 1.19A the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee and Regulation Committee were noted.

11. Presentation on Innovation in Social Care - Supporting Independence

- (1) The Council received a presentation on Supporting Independence and heard from clients and volunteers within the Brighter Futures Group.
- (2) Mr K Lynes moved, Mr M Angell seconded:

“The County Council recognises the major contribution which initiatives such as Supporting Independence make in enabling older people to maintain getting the most out of their lives and maintaining their independence. It calls upon

Government to make sufficient and ongoing resources available for tackling the challenges of an ageing population”.

- (3) Mr L Christie moved, Dr M Eddy seconded as an amendment that the words “and Kent County Council” be inserted after the word “Government”.

Carried without a vote

- (4) Mr K Lynes moved, seconded by Mr P Carter that the words “to seek” be inserted after “Kent County Council”.

Carried without a vote

- (5) RESOLVED that the County Council recognises the major contribution which initiatives such as Supporting Independence make in enabling older people to maintain getting the most out of their lives and maintaining their independence. It calls upon Government and Kent County Council to seek to make sufficient and ongoing resources available for tackling the challenges of an ageing population.

12. Motion for time limited debate by Mrs C Angell seconded by Mr C Hart

- (1) Mrs Angell moved, Mr C Hart seconded that:-

“This Council believes that a Children’s Trust can only be truly successful if it involves democratically elected Members from the outset”

- (2) Mr P Carter moved, Mr M Dance seconded as an amendment:

To delete all the words after “Trust” and substitute the following words:

“will benefit the Kent community most effectively following consultation with all elected Members (starting on 26 September) for Cabinet decision in November and ongoing Member involvement”

Carried without a vote

- (3) RESOLVED that:-

This Council believes that a Children’s Trust will benefit the Kent community most effectively following consultation with all elected Members (starting on 26 September) for Cabinet decision in November and ongoing Member involvement.