

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 18 October 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 D L Brazier, 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 I S Chittenden, Mr L Christie, Mr B R Cope, Mr G Cowan, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mr J A Davies, Mrs T Dean, Dr M R Eddy, Mr K A Ferrin, MBE, Mr C G Findlay, Mr M J Fittock, 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 P M Hill, OBE, Mr D A Hirst, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr G A Horne MBE, Mr E E C Hotson, 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 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, Mrs E D Rowbotham, Mr G Rowe, Mr J E Scholes, 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, Mr C T Wells, Mr B P Wood and Mr F Wood-Brignall

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Gilroy (Chief Executive).

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

- 1. To formally report the election of Mr Gordon Cowan, 13 Danes Court, Dover, CT16 2QE, Labour Candidate, as County Councillor for the Dover Town, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr K Sansum.**

The Chairman formally reported the election of Mr G Cowan as County Councillor for Dover Town who filled the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr K Sansum.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2007 and if in order, to be approved as a correct record.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2007 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

- 3. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman gave an update on the health of Lord Bruce-Lockhart and Mr J Simmonds.

4. Questions

Under Procedure Rule 1.18, 10 questions were asked and replies were given. 6 questions remained unanswered at the end of thirty minutes and written answers were given.

5. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)

The Leader updated the Council on the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospitals Trust, progress on the CPA Inspection, the IDEA Inspection on health and referred to the recent presentation on the Turner Contemporary.

6. Kent Invicta Award

Mr P Carter moved, Mr A King seconded, that the framework for the Kent Invicta Award be agreed subject to the words "Kent based" being included in paragraph 4 (2) before the words "charity of the recipient's choice".

Carried without a vote

7. Recommendations of Independent People to serve on the Standards Committee and the Remuneration Panel

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Mrs Nadra Ahmed OBE DL, Mr Peter Gammon and Ms Roberta MacCrone be appointed as independent members of the Standards Committee for a four-year term starting on 1 November 2007;
- (b) Mrs Linda Frampton JP, Mrs Fiona Leathers JP and Mrs Elizabeth Tullberg JP DL be appointed to serve as members of the Member Remuneration Panel for a four-year term starting on 1 November 2007;
- (c) future appointments be made at four-yearly intervals with no individual normally serving for more than two terms;
- (d) the Council place on record its grateful thanks to Mr John Ogden DL for his enormously valuable contribution to the work of the Standards Committee and Member Remuneration Panel over the past seven years (two terms);
- (e) the Council's sincere thanks be passed to Sir Graeme Odgers, Ms d'Souza Watts and the Reverend Morgan-Jones for so ably undertaking their role as the selection panel for these appointments.

8. Towards 2010 - Annual Progress Report

(1) Mr P Carter moved, Mr A King seconded, that the first Towards 2010 Annual Report be approved.

(2) Dr Eddy moved, Mr D Smyth seconded, as an amendment, that the following words be added to the recommendation

“providing that all those targets which are not measurable and where KCC only has limited executive responsibility are clearly marked as ‘aspirations’.”

(3) Mr Carter, with the consent of his seconder and the Council, agreed to this amendment.

(4) RESOLVED that the first Towards 2010 Annual Report be approved and all those targets which are not measurable and where KCC only has limited executive responsibility be clearly marked as ‘aspirations’.

9. Effectiveness of Policy Overview Committees

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the views expressed by the Council during debate be taken into account.

10. Minutes for Approval - Governance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Procedure Rule 1.23 (3), these Minutes be noted.

11. Minutes for Information

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

12. Development of Second Kent Agreement (The Local Area Agreement) Process and Consultation Feedback

(1) Mr P Carter moved, Mr A King seconded, that the report be noted.

(2) The Council received a presentation by Mr T Minter, Kent Partnership Director.

(3) Dr M Eddy moved, Mr D Smyth seconded, as an amendment, that the following words be added to the recommendation after “be noted”:

“and that this Council establish a Member Panel representing all the political groups to participate in the process of devising smart targets for the Second Kent Agreement”.

(4) Dr Eddy, with the consent of his seconder and the Council, agreed to a change of wording by Mr P Carter, seconded by Mr A King, as follows:

delete all the words after “establish” and substitute the following therefor:

“an all party Member Panel to make recommendations to Cabinet for approval and thence their recommendations to a future meeting of the County Council”.

Carried without a vote

(5) RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the Council establish an all party Member Panel to make recommendations to Cabinet for approval and thence their recommendations to a future meeting of the County Council.