



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES  
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MAIDSTONE

Tuesday, 4 December 2007

To: All Members of the County Council

Please attend the meeting of the County Council in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 13 December 2007 at **10.00 am** to deal with the following business. **The meeting is scheduled to end by 1.00 pm.**

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2007 and if in order, to be approved as a correct record. (Pages 1 - 4)
3. Chairman's Announcements
4. Questions
5. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
6. Change of name for Health Overview and Scrutiny and Selection (Pages 5 - 6)
7. Towards 2010 - Performance Measurement (Pages 7 - 20)
8. Kent Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2006-07 (Pages 21 - 36)
9. Select Committee Report on Carers (Pages 37 - 44)
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## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Kent County Council held at 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 R H C Bliss, Mr D L Brazier, Mr J R Bullock, MBE, Mr R B Burgess, Mr C J Capon, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr L Christie, 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 A J King, MBE; Mr R E King, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr C J Law, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, Mr R F Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, DL, Mr M Northey, Mr R J E Parker, Mr R J Parry, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr A R Poole, 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 Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mr R Truelove, Mrs E Tweed, Mr M J Vye, Mr C T Wells, Mr B P Wood and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

IN ATTENDANCE:- The Chief Executive, Mr P Gilroy, OBE.

### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

#### 1. County Councillors

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

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**

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. Appointment of Independent People to serve on the Standards Committee and the Member 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 – Governance and Audit Committee – 19 September 2007**

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.

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By: Leader of the County Council  
To: County Council – 13 December 2007  
Subject: Changes to the County Council's Constitution

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## **Introduction**

1. I wish to draw the attention of the County Council to two changes to the County Council's Constitution.

## **Selection Committee**

2. (1) The Selection Committee at its meeting on 10 October 2007 agreed that its name did not accurately reflect the terms of reference and role of the Committee and they therefore request that the County Council agree to a name change to reflect the roles related to Member Services to Selection and Member Services Committee.

## **NHS Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

3. (1) At its meeting on 12 October 2007 the NHS Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that:-

- (a) its name was outdated and did not adequately reflect the role to overview and scrutinise all health services be it in the National Health Service (NHS) or Social Care;
- (b) the name did not reflect the national picture for such Committees which were commonly known as Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
- (c) by using the word NHS as a precursor to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee it implied that its role was only to scrutinise the NHS.

(2) The views of the NHS Overview and Scrutiny Committee came at a time when the IDeA were conducting a peer review on Healthy Communities across the authority. One of the outcomes of this review was to "flag up" for the County Council that the name of the Committee did not adequately reflect what it did. The Peer Review Team recommendation was that the name should be changed to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(3) It was always implicit but not explicit in the powers conferred on the Council under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 that the power to review and scrutinise matters was broader than just the National Health Service.

(4) The County Council will note that the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 contains the provision for the establishment of a Local Involvement Network (LINK) which will replace the Patient and Public Involvement Forums which are to be abolished. Clearly the Local Involvement Network has powers to include both Health and Social Care with referral rights to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee(s) and it is clear that the terms of reference for the

Committee also need amending. The County Council are asked to approve the following revised terms of reference:-

“To review and scrutinise matters relating to Health and Social Care in Kent and exercise the powers conferred on the Council under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.”

#### **Recommendation**

4. The County Council are asked to approve:-

- (a) the renaming of the Selection Committee to the Selection and Member Services Committee and the NHS Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (b) the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s terms of reference to be amended to:-

“To review and scrutinise matters relating to Health and Social Care in Kent and exercise the powers conferred on the Council under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.”

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Background Information: *Include ALL background information taken into account in preparing the report. (This does not include previous Committee Reports)*



By: Paul Carter, Leader of the County Council  
To: County Council – 13 December 2007  
Subject: *Towards 2010* – Performance Measurement  
Classification: Unrestricted

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**Summary:**

The first *Towards 2010* Annual Report was approved at the meeting of the County Council on 18 October, where it was agreed that a paper would be brought to the December meeting updating Members on the 2009/10 targets for the *Towards 2010* performance indicators. This is attached for Members' information.

## FOR INFORMATION

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**1. Introduction**

In September 2006 we launched our priorities for the next four years (2006- 2010). The first *Towards 2010* Annual Report was approved by County Council on 18 October. I agreed that a further paper would be brought to the December meeting updating Members on the 2009/10 targets for the *Towards 2010* performance indicators. This is attached for Members' information.

**2. Performance Measurement**

The *Towards 2010* Annual Report provides qualitative feedback on progress against each of the 63 targets. Performance indicators are used to illustrate progress, where relevant.

It was agreed at the October County Council meeting that any *Towards 2010* targets deemed 'aspirational' should be identified. An aspirational target is a goal which the authority is working towards with the support of its partners i.e. where KCC has limited executive responsibility to deliver the outcome by itself. It is not readily measured by indicators but instead is best measured by qualitative means. Reports on these targets will therefore not include quantitative information i.e. performance data, but will highlight the actions taken, the impact the target is having and the outcomes being achieved. The aspirational targets are listed in Appendix 1 on page 8.

Some of the *Towards 2010* targets do not require indicators to measure their performance as such targets are either done or not done within the four year term of *Towards 2010*. These targets are listed in Appendix 1 on page 9.

The vast majority of *Towards 2010* targets are measurable by performance indicators. These are listed in Appendix 1 from page 10 onwards and include a 2009/10 target for each performance indicator. The 2009/10 targets set out where KCC intends to be on the

performance measures in three years time when the *Towards 2010* term concludes in September 2010.

The indicators have been reviewed since the October County Council meeting. As can be seen from Appendix 1, the vast majority remain unchanged, but some alterations have been made to ensure they represent a robust set that is directly linked to the delivery of the *Towards 2010* targets.

A draft of Appendix 1 was given to Dr Eddy, Leader of the Opposition and Mrs T Dean, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group for comment, many of which have been taken into account.

### **3. Recommendation**

County Council is asked to NOTE the report.

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**Aspirational – not measured by indicators AND not directly within KCC control in terms of delivery**

Target	Description
2	Concentrate on the regeneration of Kent's deprived areas and support business growth in these areas, seeking maximum funding from Government and the EU to support the necessary infrastructure, including roads, utilities, telecoms and other services
3	Support a programme of town centre regeneration
4	Support rural businesses and communities to build a strong entrepreneurial culture
5	Ensure Kent County Council uses its significant purchasing power to allow fair and open competition
25	Promote Kent as a centre for the arts, encouraging the development of a network of music and cultural venues across the county
35	Work with bus and train providers and lobby government to improve public transport services in Kent
45	Protect and enhance Kent's ancient woodlands and improve access to countryside, coast and heritage
46	Lobby Government, the water companies and developers to ensure that house building programmes do not threaten Kent's water supplies
48	Increase opportunities for everyone to take regular physical exercise
49	Enter into practical partnerships with the NHS, sharing resources to combat obesity and encourage people of all ages to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing
54	Work with our colleagues in the health service to reduce the number of avoidable admissions to hospital and combine resources, where appropriate, to improve the health and well-being of the people of Kent
57	Build on the successful Kent Community Warden scheme, supporting Kent Police in their visible Neighbourhood Policing programme and working with them and the CDRPs to strengthen the police presence in problem areas

Total : 12

**Task based assessment – not measurable by indicator**

<b>Target</b>	<b>Description</b>
27	Open the Turner Contemporary gallery, Margate, in 2010
36	Commission a joint feasibility study with Essex County Council into a third lower Thames Crossing
43	Expand the Clean Kent programme to tackle the top 20 fly-tipping hotspots and increase the capacity to prosecute fly-tipping offenders
44	Establish a Global Centre in Kent that will lead the world in developing crops to provide energy, medicines and other products
50	Introduce a hard-hitting public health campaign targeted at young people to increase their awareness and so reduce the damaging effects of smoking, alcohol, drugs and early or unprotected sex

Total : 5

**Measurable by indicators****1: Substantially increase the number of new jobs by increasing the number of companies investing in Kent and the number of businesses starting up or expanding**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of jobs created/safeguarded in Kent (cumulative since 2005/06)	5,729	6,165	12,250
Number of new companies investing in Kent (cumulative since 2006/07)	64	104	214

**6: Increase opportunities for graduates to work and live in Kent**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
UK graduate leavers in previous academic year who moved to employment in Kent	3,565	3,672	4,000

**7: Fulfil Kent's potential as a premier tourist destination**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Value of on-line bookings made on Destination Management System (cumulative figures)	New system	£25k	£1m
No. of jobs in the visitor economy in Kent (Full time equivalents)	49,555	49,870	50,500
Small and medium sized businesses directly engaged with Kent Tourism Alliance	400	533	800
Number of visits to <i>Visit Kent</i> website	0.975m	1.15m	1.5m

**8: Develop Kent as a major venue and location for film, television and creative industries to benefit the Kent economy**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Direct spend into Kent via the Film Office (cumulative)	£3m	£10m

**9: Through our Kent Supporting Independence Programme, work towards reducing the number of people dependent on welfare benefits**

Measurable Indicator (s)	Aug 06	Aug 10 Target
Average weekly benefit spend in Kent for Incapacity Benefit, Income Support and Job Seekers Allowance	£6.21m	To reduce
Number of claimants of the three main working age benefits	97,140	To reduce

**10: Improve the quality of early years education by strengthening the links between pre-schools/nurseries and primary schools, thereby improving children's ability to learn when they enter primary school**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006	2007 Target	2010 Target
The percentage of early years settings with working links to schools	5%	15%	30%

**11: Help and inspire all our children to do well, with a particular focus on ensuring that the results our seven and 11 year-olds achieve at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 improve faster than the national rate**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2007	2010 Target
Percentage of pupils achieving level 4 and above in Key Stage 2 in both English and Maths (national rate in brackets)	66.7% (71%)	Improvement relative to national rate
Percentage of pupils achieving level 2 and above in Key Stage 1 :		
Reading (national rate in brackets)	82% (84%)	Improvement relative to national rate
Writing (national rate in brackets)	79% (80%)	
Maths (national rate in brackets)	90% (90%)	

**12: Work with headteachers to encourage a zero tolerance approach towards disruptive behaviour, bullying and vandalism in our schools**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2007	2010 Target
Percentage of pupils aged 11 to 16 who find other pupils being disruptive a barrier to learning	54%	49%
Percentage of pupils aged 11 to 16 who have been bullied in the last year	31%	27%
Percentage of pupils aged 7 to 11 who have been picked on or bullied at school	38%	34%

**13: Continue to offer and develop further multi-agency support to parents by helping them with the problems they and their children face in everyday life**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of parents supported through Children's Centres and family Liaison Officers	New Indicator	9,500	23,000

**14: Listen to young people's views and opinions and develop their ideas to improve education and life in Kent**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2007	2010 Target
Number of primary schools taking part in the NFER survey	382	To maintain high participation
Number of secondary schools and other educational establishments for age 11 to 19 taking part in the NFER survey	98	

**15: Raise the expectations and aspirations of our young people by giving all 13-19 year-olds the very best careers guidance and by providing master classes presented by business people, entrepreneurs and professionals**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2007	2010 Target
Percentage of secondary school pupils (aged 11 to 16) who think that their school gives them good careers advice	43%	60%

**16: Expand our pioneering vocational 14–16 programme to more than 4,000 students, offering real choice in a diverse and stimulating curriculum tailored to the needs of students and relevant to the real world**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of children on vocational 14-16 programmes	2,200	4,000	5,000
Percentage of young people participating in vocational programmes who agreed this was having a positive impact on their lives	90%	95%	95%

**17: Double the number of participants on Skills Force programmes**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of participants enrolled on Skills Force programmes at September	200	400	400

**18: Introduce a Kent Apprenticeship scheme, offering at least 1,000 apprenticeship opportunities across the private and public sectors**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of Kent apprenticeships taken on by KCC (cumulative)	60	126	250
Number of Kent apprenticeships taken on by other public and private organisations (cumulative)	0	175	750

**19: Introduce the Kent Community Programme, building teams of apprentices to participate in community projects**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of young people completing the Kent Community Programme during the year	0	40	250

**20: Build strong business-education partnerships that benefit both employers and schools**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Percentage satisfaction rate of pupils	75%	85%
Percentage satisfaction rates of businesses	56%	75%

**21: Launch and market a new website, "What's on in Kent?", that will list sports and leisure activities and local organisations for all age ranges in the county**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Number of website hits to "What's on" section of Kent TV	New indicator	*

\* Dependent on success of Kent TV

**22: Establish a biennial Kent Youth Games and support Kent sports men and women to compete in the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
The number of schools participating in the Kent Schools Games	New indicator	300	400
The number of athletes supported during the year to compete at a national level in the run-up to 2012 Olympics and Paralympics	360	400	490

**23: Facilitate and enhance the development of Kent Youth Theatre activities**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of new participants in youth theatre activities facilitated by the Arts Development Unit	New Indicator	1,400	2,000
Number of youth Theatres who are members of the National Association of Youth Theatres	New Indicator	6	18

**24: Find new and innovative ways of communicating with the public, including trialling webcast TV**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Viewer numbers for webcast TV	New indicator	300,000

**26: Modernise the library service so it also acts as a focal point for KCC services and widens access to Kent's rich culture**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of libraries modernised (cumulative)	5	9	15



**28: Support and encourage the large number of local and voluntary groups and sports clubs in Kent AND**

**63: Promote the Kent Volunteers Programme and work with other partners to attract more volunteers**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Number of sports clubs achieving Clubmark accreditation	75	175
Number of sports clubs receiving services via the ClubConnect Card	0	400
Number of volunteers managed by KCC	1,500	1,800

**29: Continue to develop 'gateway' one stop shops that give easy access to services provided by county and district councils and other public service bodies**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of Gateways operating in Kent	1	3	7

**30: Work towards introducing a Kent youth travel card entitling all 11-16 year olds to free public transport in the county, subject to the outcome of two district pilots**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of 11-16 year olds issued with a Freedom card	New Indicator	2,000	20,000

**31: Pilot staggered school hours to relieve rush-hour congestion**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of schools with staggered starting times	New indicator	1	15

**32: Provide more car parking places in Kent and remove unnecessary yellow lines and bus lanes**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of additional public car park spaces - <b>cumulative</b>	0	200	600
Length of yellow lines removed (metres) – <b>cumulative</b>	0	10,000	20,000

**33: Penalise contractors for unnecessary delays caused by road works and synchronise works to minimise disruption**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Number of Traffic Management Act permit violations (new from 2008)	New indicator	To reduce

**34: Tackle urban congestion and reduce peak journey times between and within towns by 10% using methods such as intelligent traffic light management systems and congestion-busting teams**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Average journey time in Maidstone	Subject to further validation	10% reduction

**37: Improve the way we repair roads and pavements**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Net satisfaction of residents with condition of roads in Kent	+5%	+10%	+16%

**38: Maximise the use of previously developed land**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Percentage of housing completions on previously developed land	80.7%	70%	70%

**39: Bring back into use the large number of empty homes in Kent**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of long-term empty properties brought back into use in Kent (cumulative since 2006/07)	172	330	650

**40: Ensure that new housing developments include the right infrastructure and local facilities and cater for a mix of age groups and incomes**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Section 106 developer contributions achieved as percentage of those sought – minor applications	82%	80%*	80%*

\* Contributions being sought for wider range of services which may reduce performance

**41: Ensure that new KCC buildings set an example by delivering the best possible standards of construction by applying a pragmatic approach to sustainability using energy-efficient, robust and built to last materials**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Percentage of new KCC buildings designed to at least BREEAM 'very good' standard	60%	80%	100%

**42: Reduce the impact of KCC's buildings and vehicles on the environment, including trialling the use of bio-fuels and other new technologies**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2010 Target
Percentage change in CO <sup>2</sup> from energy use in KCC buildings and schools (since 2004)	+1%	-10%

**47: Create and launch initiatives that facilitate more competitive sport in schools, support after-school sports clubs and sponsor more inter-school competitions and holiday sports programmes**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Percentage of pupils taking part in an additional two or more hours beyond the school day delivered by a range of school, community and club providers	New Indicator *	To be confirmed in January	To be confirmed in January

\* Baseline and targets subject to further analysis being completed during December.

**51: Encourage healthy eating by providing nutritious lunches through the "Healthy Schools" programme and launch a range of community-based healthy eating pilots**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Percentage of schools which have achieved Healthy schools status as at December	38%	55%	75%
Number of parents and children reached through School/Community Eating Pilots	New Indicator	4,500	5,000

**52: Increase the number of people supported to live independently in their own homes. This will include:**

- encouraging the development of more housing for older people, disabled people and those with special needs
- encouraging more people to take control of their care/support through Direct payments taking advantage of new technologies, such as expanding our Telehealth and Telecare programmes

Measurable Indicator (s)	2005/06	2006/07	2009/10 Target
The number of people supported by community based services provided by Kent Adult Social Services (including through voluntary sector funding) to live independently, as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March each year	31,027	31,990	34,027

**53: Strengthen the support provided to people caring for relatives and friends**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Satisfaction measure to be confirmed – based on user survey to be completed in 2008 under development	New indicator	To be set in 2008

**55: Ensure better planning to ease the transition between childhood and adulthood for young people with disabilities and to promote their independence**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
To be confirmed – based on user survey under development	New indicator	To be set in 2008

**56: Improve older people's economic well-being by encouraging the take-up of benefits**

Measurable Indicator (s)	Aug 06	2009/10 Target
Number of people who are in receipt of Attendance Allowance	30,610	+5%
Number of people who are in receipt of Pension Credit	70,270	+5%
Older people in receipt of council tax benefit	61,690	+5%

**58: Help maintain Kent's low levels of burglary and car theft and work with off-licence, pub and club owners to reduce alcohol-fuelled crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Domestic Burglary per 1,000 households	10.7	Maintain or reduce
Car Crime per 1,000 population	10.3	Maintain or reduce

**59: Work with our partners to reduce the number of deaths and serious casualties from road accidents**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006	2010 Target
Number of road accidents casualties - Killed or seriously injured (excluding Highways Agency roads - ie Motorways)	559	To reduce

**60: Support young people to reduce the risk of them offending**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2009/10 Target
Number of new entrants to the youth justice system	New indicator	To reduce

**61: Extend our public awareness campaign to alert people to the activities of rogue traders, particularly those involved in door-to-door sales, and increase the number of offenders prosecuted**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Percentage increase in number of community organisations in Kent receiving alerts about the activities of rogue traders	New indicator	15%	25%

**62: Expand the Kent Handyvan scheme, making the homes of older and vulnerable people more secure**

Measurable Indicator (s)	2006/07	2007/08 Target	2009/10 Target
Number of safety checks completed by the 'HandyVan' service (cumulative from 2006/07)	2,401	5,401	10,801

Total = 45

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**To:** County Council – 13 December 2007

**By:** Graham Badman, Managing Director for Children, Families and Education  
Mark Dance, Cabinet Member for Operations, Resources and Skills, CFE  
Chris Wells, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Educational Standards, CFE

**Subject:** Summary of Kent Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2006/07

**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** This report summarises the activity of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board during the year 2006/07

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## **1. Introduction**

(1) This is a summary of the Annual Report of Kent's Local Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB) which came into operation from 1 April 2006. It sets out the achievements in the previous year and the work programme for the current period. The report also details statistics on child protection for 2006-07.

(2) The aim of this report is to be informative about the work of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board and to make the results of our efforts accountable to safeguarding children professionals, to those who fund and support safeguarding children services and the KSCB, to all members of the Council and the Lead Member for Children's Services, to the Kent Children's Trust and to service users, and the public of Kent.

## **2. Background**

(1) Statutory Government Guidance around Local Safeguarding Children Boards (Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2006, Chapter 3) identifies that the role of Local Authority Elected Members..."through their membership of governance bodies such as a cabinet of the LA or a scrutiny committee or a governance board, is to hold their organisation and its officers to account for their contribution to the effective functioning of the LSCB".

## **3. Response of other committees**

(1) The report has been approved by the Kent Safeguarding Board and by Kent County Council's Cabinet on 26 November 2007 with no objections. On 5 December, the

report was presented to the Children's Champions Board, to which all members were invited.

**4. Recommendations**

Members are asked to note the 2006/7 Summary Activity report of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board.

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# Kent Safeguarding Children Board



## Summary of Annual Report 2006-07

## Forward

March 2007 saw the conclusion of a challenging but successful first year for the Kent Safeguarding Children Board. This report summaries some of the key activities that took place during 2006-7.

Like all LSCBs across England, we have had to manage the transition from the Kent Child Protection Committee remit to the much wider safeguarding agenda, as set out in the Children's Act 2004 and in the government guidance of *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006*.

Members of the KSCB have worked hard this year to ensure that the membership and structures required for an effective and robust KSCB are in place. Whilst some of the KSCB structures will continue to evolve, there are firm foundations in place to ensure that the KSCB will serve children, young people and families within Kent well.

Kent's very good performance in safeguarding is being enhanced by improvements in infrastructure, addressing service developments in high-risk areas, as well as further improving an informed and skilled workforce.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and requires a co-ordinated multi-agency response. A diverse range of agencies are involved in the work of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board ; some are specialist services, working with particular groups of children and families, and others are universal services, working across all age groups and communities. The Board would like to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment throughout this year which has contributed to the successful transition from KCPC to the new KSCB. I am confident we can build on this very positive start and embrace the challenges ahead.

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Kent Safeguarding Children Board Manager

## Introduction

A range of skills and expertise from a variety of professions and voluntary organisations are required to safeguard children. The Kent Safeguarding Children Board and its member agencies are responsible for ensuring these essential services are co-ordinated, directed, and developed in an effective safeguarding service for the children of Kent. In doing this, the Board prioritises protecting children from abuse and neglect and following a clear set of values based upon current human rights and children and families legislation, guidance issued by central government, and the best standards of professional practice. In respect of its child protection work the Board upholds the following principles.

- In all cases the child's welfare will be the paramount consideration
- Staff will actively work to develop relationship with parents that will promote working in partnership and take account of their views and those of their children. Information will be shared with parents, and children (when their age and understanding permits), unless this would place a child at risk or prejudice a criminal investigation or prosecution
- Where the continuing welfare and safety of a child can be secured by informal means, this will be the preferred option
- Where informal assistance is not appropriate to safeguard a child, the formal child protection process will be invoked, including any necessary legal actions
- Wherever possible, the child's welfare will be safeguarded within the family
- Where it is necessary to remove a child from a family, priority will be given to returning the child to the family's care wherever this is compatible with the child's best interests.
- Consideration will be given to the possible negative effects of any intervention and the least intrusive option compatible with safeguarding the child's welfare and safety should be chosen after a proper assessment of needs and risks
- In all decisions and services, full regard will be given to the child's age, ethnicity, culture, language, religious background, gender, or disability.
- The right the confidentiality of parents, carers, and children will be respected and information only shared in the interest of the child
- With the exceptions detailed in the Kent County Council Children Families and Education Directorate's 'Client Access to Personal Records' policy (i.e. where the safety of the subject may be compromised, where information relates to a third party, or where a detection or prevention of a crime may be compromised), the subject of the information will be allowed access to computerised and paper records held by the Kent County Council

The Board's purpose of providing a framework for protection when individual children are at risk of abuse, and for preventing abuse, is achieved through its main areas of activity:

- Establishing agreed inter-agency procedures and policies for responding to cases of child abuse and co-ordinating the work of professionals in its member agencies
- Promoting and reviewing the effective operation of the child protection process through its three Local Child Protection Co-ordinating Committees and subgroups
- Improving standards of practice by means of its extensive inter-agency child protection training programme
- Identifying important trends and problems by analysis of statistical and management information
- Identifying learning points for improving procedure and practice from the review of individual cases of very serious abuse
- Raising awareness to specific child protection matters, through a programme of public information campaigns

The safeguarding responsibility of the KSCB includes work to safeguard and promote the welfare of groups of children who are potentially more vulnerable than the general population:

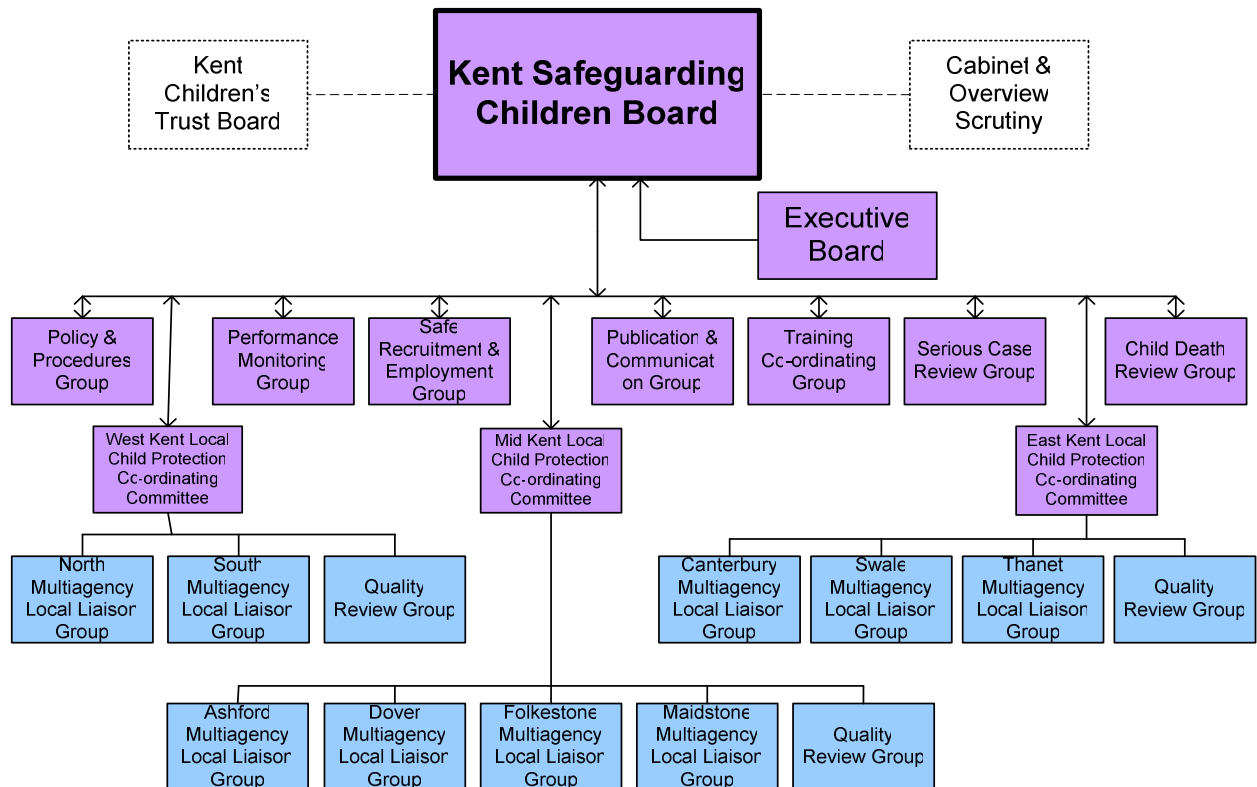
- Children who are privately fostered
- Disabled children
- Looked after Children
- Children who run away from their families or institutions

Those whose health/well-being may be impaired due to:

- Misuse of drugs and alcohol (by themselves or by their parents)
- Early sexual activity with the accompanying risks of becoming a teenage parent or of contracting sexually transmitted infections
- Bullying
- Mental health problems (including self harming)
- Factors such as obesity, cigarette smoking or poor take up of immunisation
- Injury or death as a result of traffic accidents or house fires etc.
- Gambling
- Forced marriage

## Kent Safeguarding Children Board

The Board meets four times a year and is assisted in its work by the eleven multi-agency subgroups which drive the operational work of the KSCB. For membership of Board see Appendix 1



In discharging its responsibilities, the Kent Safeguarding Children Board ensures that:

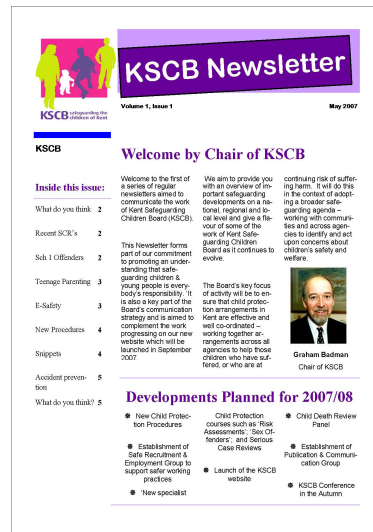
- The welfare of the child is central to the work of the Board;
- All policies, procedures and guidance and service provision incorporate principles of equal opportunities, are non-discriminatory, values cultural diversity and facilitate the involvement of children and families wherever possible;
- The independence of the Board is maintained, as it is essential to fulfilling its purpose.

The post of Board Manager, Board Support Officer, Independent Chair of the Serious Case Review Panel, the Training Manager, Training Administrator, CRB Officer and Custodian of the CPR are financed by the Board and these officers ensure the wide range of the Board's work is completed and they assist member agencies and the

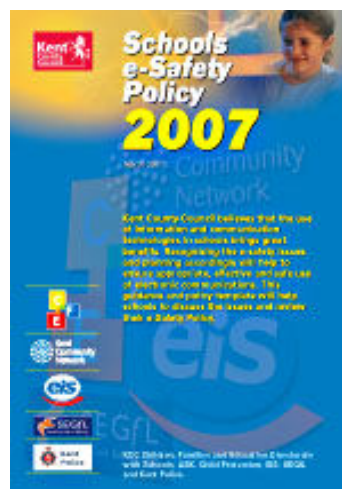
public with information about policies and procedures, public information campaigns, and training events.

**Key KSCB achievements in 2006 - 2007:**

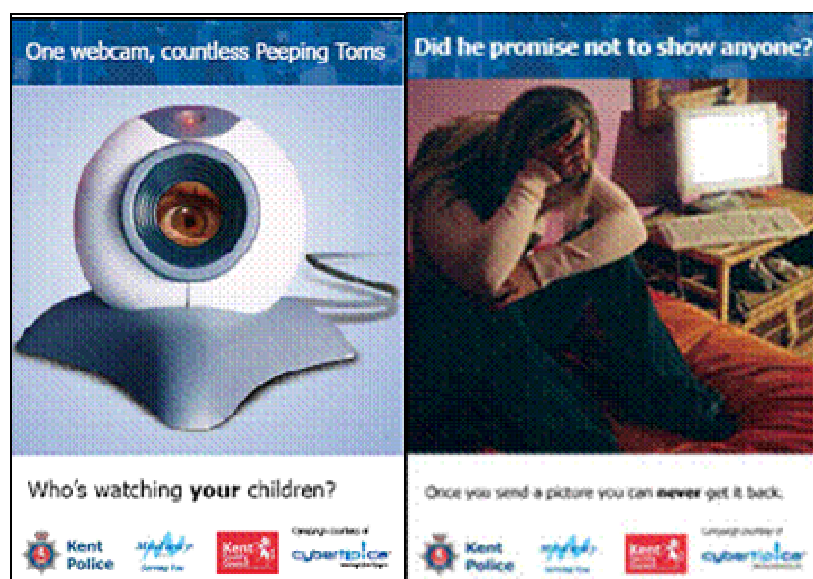
- In May 2006, KSCB created the post of the KSCB manager to act as a driver for the Board's work. This post was successfully appointed to in January 2007.
- Kent Safeguarding Children Board has agreed its Constitution and sub-group structure arrangements as well as introducing rigorous action planning. It has undertaken focussed discussions and briefings to Board members in relation to Working Together 2006, Private Fostering, Safe Recruitment and Allegations Management, Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), Children Missing from Foster Care and Residential Homes, E-safety and Domestic Violence.
- Development of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter



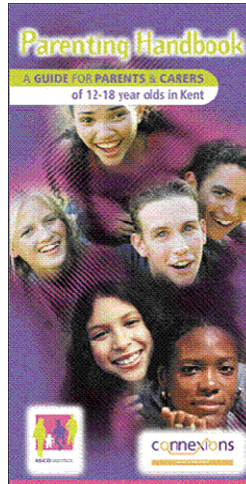
- E-Safety Strategy Group produced an e-Safety Policy which includes a template to help schools write their own e-safety policy



- Two Safeguarding Children Online conferences, in partnership with Kent Police, for head teachers, e-Safety and child protection co-ordinators which coincided with the release of these posters.



- Private Fostering leaflets have been produced and distributed widely to parents, carers, children; and professionals.
- A Trainers pack has also been developed regarding Domestic Violence in partnership with the Kent & Medway Domestic Violence Strategy Group,
- The Board has delivered in excess of 1500 training places to practitioners across Kent covering core competencies and more specialised learning modules, particularly around Children with Disabilities.
- The KSCB has produced and distributed 70,000 copies of a 'Teenage Parenting Information Handbook' which includes information on – adolescence & puberty, bullying, sexual exploration, domestic violence against parents, parental substance misuse, living away from home, teenage parents and Young carers. The handbook has had wide distribution through member agencies of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board.



- Procedural Amendments regarding siblings being placed on the Kent Child Protection Register.
- Three serious case reviews have been carried out and completed with clear actions plans to address the lessons learnt.
- A national event for Local Safeguarding Children's Boards and their partners was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham. A workshop was facilitated by KSCB, CFE and CEOP on On-line exploitation. Positive feedback was received from the audience on what work was being done in Kent in this area.
- "What to do if you are worried a child is being abused" booklet was updated in December 2006 and distributed to organisations working with children.

### Initial & Core Assessments

Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 Children Social Services received a total of 10516 referral request to provide assessment and services for children in need. Of these referrals, 89.9% progressed to an Initial Assessment. This assessment is one regulated by Guidance, and is a critical process of professional intervention and family support.

Improvement in initial assessments completed within timescales increased during the year from 66.7% to 75.3% and in core assessments within timescales increased from 70.3% to 84.3%. .Fig 1

Performance Assessment Framework (PAF) C64 measures the percentage of Core Assessments completed within 35 working days. Core Assessments are an in depth assessment of a child and their family, which are of themselves also a tool of intervention. Kent's performance in PAF C64 has improved year on year, to the current performance of Band 5, the highest band achievable.



PAF C64 - Core Assessments Completed				
	Total	Completed Within 35 Days	% Completed Within 35 Days	PAF Banding
KCC (inc Asylum)	3,341	2,818	84.3%	●●●●●
East Kent	1,069	866	81.0%	●●●●●
Mid Kent	1,281	1,073	83.8%	●●●●●
West Kent	657	567	86.3%	●●●●●
Disability	145	129	89.0%	n/a
Asylum	189	183	96.8%	n/a
Ashford	242	204	84.3%	●●●●●
Canterbury	420	369	87.9%	●●●●●
Dartford	167	139	83.2%	●●●●●
Dover	613	561	91.5%	●●●●●
Gravesham	267	250	93.6%	●●●●●
Maidstone	86	67	77.9%	●●●●
Sevenoaks	52	44	84.6%	●●●●●
Shepway	340	241	70.9%	●●●●
Swale	230	195	84.8%	●●●●●
Thanet	419	302	72.1%	●●●●
Tonbridge & Malling	67	45	67.2%	●●●
Tunbridge Wells	104	89	85.6%	●●●●●
EK Disability	68	59	86.8%	n/a
MK Disability	29	23	79.3%	n/a
WK Disability	48	47	97.9%	n/a

Fig 1

## Child Protection Activity in Kent

The duty to protect children from abuse and neglect is a special aspect of the Children's Social Services responsibility under the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need. It is therefore helpful to place child protection within the context of the substantial numbers of children and families who are assisted by the Children Families and Education Directorate each year. Services provided for these children are frequently aimed at preventing the risk of abuse by supporting families in times of stress and other difficulties. Although Children's Social Services is the agency with primary responsibility for assessing and co-ordinating services for children in need and for children in need of protection, this task would be impossible without the skills and services of other agencies. The Kent Safeguarding Children Board provides the forum for co-ordinating these vital services for safeguarding children. Statistical reports of child protection activity are an important element in formulating strategies to protect individual children from abuse and to reduce the overall incidence of abuse.

## Child Protection as a part of all Children's Social Services referrals

Of all referral received during 2006/7, 2164 concerned children where there was the possibility of abuse or neglect. This represented 20.6% of children referred to Social Services in the year. In addition to new referrals, Children's Social Services has a substantial number of active cases. Of these, an average of 8.2% are designated as child protection cases. Child protection work therefore represents a substantial element of all children and families work undertaken by Children's Social Services. As other agencies are involved in risk assessment or in providing elements of agreed multi-agency child protection plans, this is a significant component of all children's services within the county.

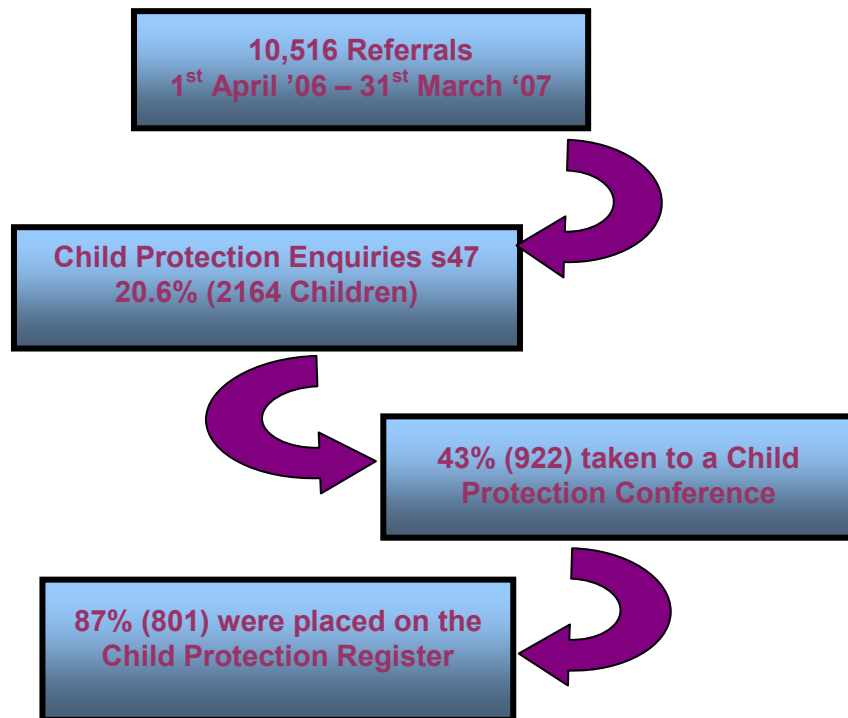


Fig 2

Of the 922 cases subject to the child protection case conference process, over 87% were confirmed to be at continued risk of significant harm and their names placed on the Kent Child Protection Register and detailed multi-agency protection plans agreed.

The rate of Registrations during 2006/07 of children on the Child Protection (CP) Register per 10,000 this year was 32.2, up from 28 last year and above England's average of 30.2.

The rate of children on the register is now 27.9 compared to 24 last year (25.3 nationally last year). In any one year, some variation around this level will be expected, and the graph (Fig 3) details proportional levels over the past 7 years.

**Children on CP Register per 10,000**

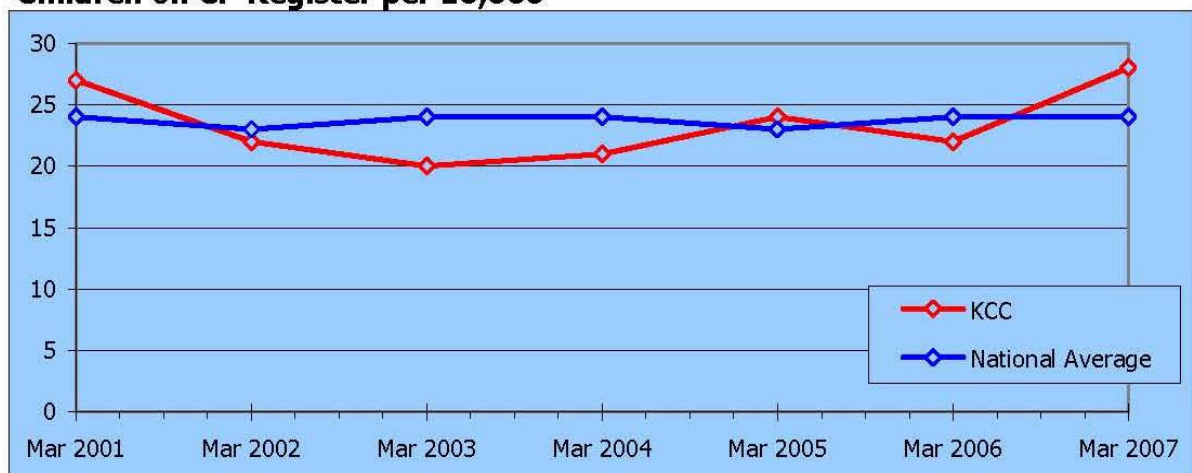


Fig 3

Kent, when compared to both the National average and the comparator 'Basket of Authorities' (Fig 4) does show a higher proportion of children on the CP register, and a lower level of children looked after. This does indicate a correlation between the management of risk and good outcomes in a community, and the cohort whose needs are so extensive that they become looked after.

Region / Authority	CP Per 10,000	LAC Per 10,000
England	24	55
South East	20	42
London	29	72
KCC	28	38
Medway	31	58
Buckinghamshire	14	28
Essex	17	44
Hampshire	16	38
Oxfordshire	20	31
Surrey	11	31
East Sussex	27	44
West Sussex	21	46

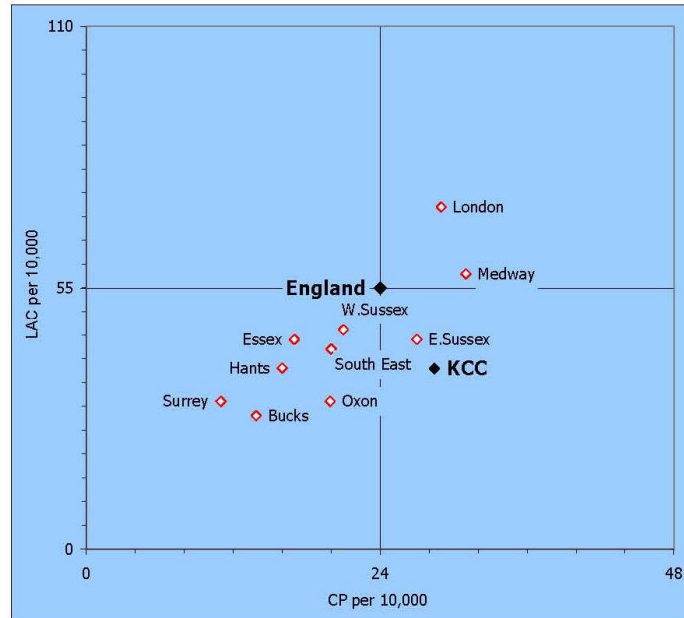


Fig 4

Registration takes account of the types of abuse to which each child is considered to be at risk. The four categories used on the Kent register are identical to those used in all other local authority registers and follow the requirements of central government. They are:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect

Children may be registered as being at risk of more than one type of abuse. Fig 5 indicates registrations by the main category of abuse of each child.

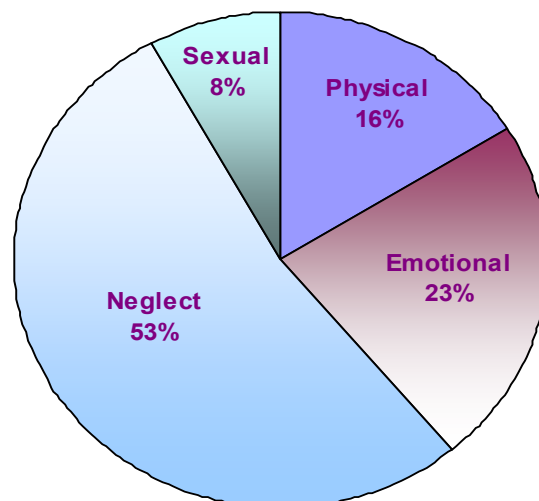


Fig 5

The total number of children on the Kent Child Protection Register will vary from day to day and year on year, comparisons are normally made for 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year. There is however a considerable amount of activity during the year with new registration being added to the register and children's names being removed when risk has been resolved.

Neglect continues as in previous years to be the main reason for children being registered under this category. Physical and sexual abuse has decreased over the last three years.

### Next Steps

The Board is aware that there remains much work to be done and particular areas of priority have been identified and are already being progressed e.g.

1. Continuing development of KSCB as a strategic board to influence, lead and performance monitor the work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Kent; and, developing its links with the Kent Children's Trust Board
2. To ensure there are adequate resources for the functioning of the Board.
3. Reducing the incidence and impact of domestic violence on children and families.
4. To undertake serious case reviews, child death reviews (from April 2008) and other related reviews into practice and ensure that lessons are learnt and there are improvements in arrangements and practice accordingly
5. To review 'Kent & Medway Child Protection and Children in Need Interagency Procedures', protocols and practice guidance to ensure effective safeguarding
6. Promoting and implementing safe-recruitment & allegations management practice within all sectors.
7. Developing and maintaining an informed social care workforce.
8. Reducing the proportion of children and young people who feel unsafe in schools and their local area, by developing tailored multi-agency responses to issues identified through further analysis of the Children and Young People of Kent Survey.
9. KSCB's Newsletter for all Kent children's social care workforce includes the independent sector ([http://www.kcpc.org.uk/kscb\\_newslettermay07.pdf](http://www.kcpc.org.uk/kscb_newslettermay07.pdf)).
10. Website to be completed revised to reflect the wider safeguarding remit of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board and this is currently in development.

11. To develop and review inter-agency training.
12. Undertake a section 11 audit
13. Ensure a strong focus on safeguarding is an integral part of all integrated working processes that are being put in place e.g. Common Assessment Framework, ContactPoint, Lead Professional, Information Sharing, integrated service delivery during 2007/8.
14. Continue to raise the public awareness of safeguarding and encourage them to seek assistance at the early stages of any difficulty by alerting them to the wide range of services available for support and help. In particular, the board will:
  - Continue the publicity of the dangers to children from domestic violence
  - Continue to raise awareness of what to do if you are concerned a child may be being abused
  - Rewrite the child protection conference leaflets for children and their families

## Membership of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board

The Board's membership follows central government guidance in 'Working Together 2006' and represents the principal agencies and professions engaged in child protection in Kent. Mr Graham Badman, Managing Director of Kent Children Families and Education, chairs the Board. Strategic managers represent the following organisations:

Adult Mental Health Services

Adult Social Services

Children & Families Court Advisory Support Service

Children Social Services

Children, Families & Education

Crown Prosecution Service

District Councils in Kent

East Kent Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust

Health Trusts

Kent & Medway Connexions

Ofsted

Police

Probation Service

Public Health

South East Kent Coastal Ambulance Service

West Kent Primary Care Trust

Youth Justice Service

All members who sit on the Board have a strategic role within their agency, and are of a seniority to enable them to:

- Speak for their organisation with authority;
- Commit their organisation on policy and practice matters;
- Hold their organisation to account;
- Influence the development of their agency's practices;
- Ensure that child protection and safeguarding services within those agencies are adequately resourced;
- Contribute to the development of robust and effective monitoring and performance functions.

By: Mr K Lynes, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services  
To: County Council – 13 December 2007  
Subject: Select Committee: Carers in Kent

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Summary: To receive and comment on the report of the Select Committee on Carers in Kent

## FOR INFORMATION

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### **1. Introduction**

1. The Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee proposed the establishment of a Select Committee to look at the some of the issues around support for Carers in Kent. This was agreed by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee at its meeting in February 2007.

### **2. Select Committee Process**

#### *Membership*

(1) The Select Committee commenced its work in June 2007. The Chairman of the Select Committee was Mr Leslie Christie, other members being Mr Alan Chell, Mr Jeff Curwood, Mrs Valerie Dagger, Mr Godfrey Horne, Mr David Hirst, Mr George Koowaree and Mrs Maureen Newell

#### *Terms of Reference*

(2) The Terms of Reference for this Select Committee Topic Review were to:-

- (a) consider what support carers require to assist them in their caring role, how needs are met and how this can be delivered
- (b) consider all carers, including young carers and hard to reach carers
- (c) understand what needs to change to improve outcomes for carers

This review considered a number of factors, including the following:-

- Accessing Support and identification of needs
- Carer Support Services (including respite and emergency care)
- Information for carers
- Involvement of carers

3. The Executive Summary of the Select Committee's report is attached for all Members of the County Council. If you wish to see a full copy of the report then please contact Angela Evans on 01622 221876 or email her at [angela.evans@kent.gov.uk](mailto:angela.evans@kent.gov.uk). Copies are available in the Information Point and in the Members Lounge.

4. The Cabinet received the Executive Summary and a presentation from a cross-party group of the Members who served on the Select Committee at its meeting on 3 December 2007.

**5. Recommendation**

The County Council is asked to note the report and thank the Select Committee for producing a relevant and balanced report.

Background Information: *None*

Mr K Lynes, Cabinet  
Member for Adult Social  
Services



## Carers in Kent Select Committee

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

Carers have identified a number of needs as crucial and fundamental in supporting them to continue to care. These include breaks from caring, adequate respite care for the person being cared for (the client), better services from both the local authority and health authority, access to information, and greater involvement in decision making relating to the client.

Information is a key priority as carers use it to have choice and control, access available services, claim benefits and understand the system. A common theme emerged was in relation to the difficulty people have of accessing the right information at the right time. Once Carers are 'in the system' or known to the Carer Support Organisations there was general consensus that access to information was good, it was more an issue of finding out about services in the first place or discovering what path to follow. Many carers are unaware of the services that are available from voluntary organisations and statutory bodies or how to access them. There was a clear need for co-ordination especially around where to go for help initially.

Communication is paramount and key messages to carers need to be repeated and targeted at, for example people new to caring and hidden carers. Improving awareness and early sign-posting of carer support organisations and targeting of information at carers in the first year of caring is crucial. As well as Social Services, the Health Sector, General Practices, and others such as pharmacies have a key role to play as they are most likely to be the first point of contact with many carers. Information, advice and support is a 24/7 requirement, but this is not currently available. The identification of hidden carers remains a priority, and is the joint responsibility of Social Services as well as education services and Health as early identification and referral to carer support services can prevent crisis and carer breakdown. An Adult Carers Strategy could have the potential to develop joint action to target hidden and new carers, and raise the profile of carers and carer support organisations, potentially pooling resources.

Carers need assessments backed up by preventative support, essential to sustaining the carer role. Carers needs often change due to changing circumstances and it emerged that these are often not identified or met before crisis. There is a need for a two way process between care managers and carers and to reinforce the relationship that exists, and a smoother process for regularity of reviews. There should be regular contact and carer reviews annually as a minimum.

KCC has developed and supported a wide range of preventative services and invested in/financially supported the Voluntary Sector, who provide a broad range of services to carers. The services provided by the Voluntary Sector are numerous and can appear fragmented, growing/changing over time in response to area needs and resources available. There is a perception that allocation of funds is also partly historic and does not take full account of the number of carers supported or service being provided. The services provided by the sector are highly valued but there is concern that many services have considerable waiting lists, with a lack of resources

to meet demand, increases in numbers referring and increased levels of need for support and distress.

Respite and short breaks are essential to carers welfare, providing a break and enabling many to continue to care. KCC has developed a system of short breaks and longer-term respite and sees its continued partnership and investment in the Voluntary sector as crucial. However it is clear that the quantity of respite provided in the locality is not enough for a substantial number of carers and that flexible respite options need to be extended further, and a more co-ordinated approach taken.

The development of a multi agency Adult Carers strategy and action plan is a clear priority. It would give a clear direction to commissioners about the future services that need continued support and those that need to be developed. It is important that all organisations acknowledge their responsibility for supporting carers and actively work together to do so. A broad range of issues has been identified by this review and there is an underlying need for a more strategic joined up approach to addressing them. Although the need for a multi Agency strategy was agreed in October 2006, there is little evidence of progress and should now be taken forward as a priority.

Young Carers are one of the most vulnerable group of children and young people for whom KCC has responsibility. The impact of being a young carer can be significant. Only a small proportion of Young Carers in Kent access the young carers projects and it is estimated that only a small proportion of young people accessing these projects are known to services. It is important to recognise that other than education, young carers may not access services provided by local authorities and are unlikely to have knowledge about services available. It was clear that many young carers remain unknown to their schools, and therefore are unsupported by them. Education has a key role in supporting young carers, especially as this may be the only service in contact with young carers. The Young Carers strategy 'Invisible People' was welcomed, and the recent development of an accompanying commissioning strategy to back this up should ensure that steps to improve support for young carers are evident on the ground.

The health sector has a key role to play through identifying carers and sign-posting carer support services/organisations, and it was clear that more could be done in partnership with General practices. The need to support carers of mental health patients was particularly highlighted especially at times of crisis and out of hours.

Confidentiality continues to be an issue. Carers reported that their views are not listened to, that there is a lack of information due to privacy laws, which can create barriers for carers and that carers of people with mental health needs find it difficult to access the support they need. Carers particularly expressed the need for support to help with coping strategies and the importance of improving communication with and for carers.

## Recommendations to improve outcomes for carers

### Communication and Access to information (6.0)

1. **Need to raise awareness and profile of carers and carer support services and make information available out of standard hours.** Initial contact is difficult, but once in the system information is readily available. Need to consider campaign about local services and find innovative ways to raise the profile of carers, where to find support and what support services are available. Access gateways to services need to be knowledgeable of services for carers in area. However raising the profile and access to information needs to be backed up by tangible support (whether financial, emotional or practical) to remain credible. The focus of information services should be reviewed to assess options for providing support and information outside of normal office hours.
2. **Promote single point of contact for carers** – Carers are often unaware of entitlements, support networks and help available and the diversity of sources of information are confusing and often overwhelming. Need simplified way to make contact for initial guidance, and possibility of a one-stop shop approach should be explored. It should be ensured that the contact centre has the knowledge to provide an effective point of contact for carers.

### Carers Assessments (7.0)

3. **The involvement of the Carer Support Organisations at assessment and subject to carers consent sharing the statutory assessment should be considered,** and need to ensure carers are informed that they can have someone present at their assessment – e.g. a friend, advocate or interpreter.
4. **reviews or contact from Care managers should be regular with annual reviews as a minimum.** This issue needs to be addressed. Case management to have systems in place so improved contact and carers regularly asked if circumstances have changed and ensure reviews are carried out annually (as a minimum). There should also be a general target for time taken following a request for a review before it is undertaken.

### Support Services (8.0)

5. **District Social Services Teams to address and overcome issues around call management** and ensure improvements are made around response and accessibility of team members.

### Emergency Support for Carers (9.0)

6. **Emergency Card Schemes, backed up by emergency plans and response teams should be expanded and developed kent wide if the pilot is successful.** If successful a Kent Carers Emergency Card scheme, rather than individual district based schemes should be considered with a commitment to have an emergency plan for all carers, with every carer to be offered access to a scheme.

### Respite and Short Breaks (10.0)

7. **KCC together with Health and VCO's need to ensure that provision of respite/breaks is flexible, of the right type and that provision meets the needs of carers as well as the cared for person.** It was clear that carers value this service and that there is simply not enough, and not always the right type of respite available to meet growing demand. There needs to be a multi agency plan and commissioning strategy to address identified issues and gaps, developing a more co-ordinated approach to access and provision of respite locally for carers. KCC to pursue with Health the need for **appropriate respite options for people with mental health needs and their carers and issues around levels of provision in the county.**

### Adult Carers Strategy (11.00)

8. **Multi Agency Adult Carers Strategy to be progressed as a priority and agreed within a mutually agreed time frame, suggested within a year as a maximum.** The strategy needs to be realistic and developed through a commissioning plan.

### Young Carers (12.00)

9. **Need to ensure that awareness is raised within schools to increase understanding of what it means to be a 'young carer' and to ensure that actions to support young carers within schools are identified and put in place.** Each identified young carer should have an education plan and also need to ensure that specific reference to young carers is incorporated in anti bullying policies.
10. **Consider the need for a clearly identified Lead for young carers on CSS operational front and education, alongside those for policy/strategy.** Carer support projects give opportunity to support young carers, and young carers to meet together and also provide a good contact point for services. Consideration should be given to having a young carers care manager, who could for example have a floating presence or contact with centre managers.
11. **Need to ensure clear responsibilities and care pathway for young carers between Adult Social Services, CFE education and CFE children social services and other agencies.**

12. Invisible People – the multi agency young carers strategy and accompanying commissioning strategy (currently in draft) should be implemented urgently and monitored to ensure objectives and targets are met. Regular updates on progress and issues should be reported to the Childrens Trust Board and Chief Executive/POC.

### **Health sector (section 13.0)**

13. KCC in partnership with Health and the VCO's need to **improve understanding and signposting from Health sector** to available help and support for carers in the county. (Multi Agency action).

14. KCC to pursue with Health the **need to consider how carers of mental health patients (and service users) can be better supported, particularly at times of crisis and out of hours**. Access to response support service in crisis is a key issue for carers, and needed especially out of hours and for those not meeting CATT criteria, as timely support can prevent harm and further deterioration and increased pressure on the carer. Need to give consideration to response times, communication, and consider how Carers/families can be better supported, to enable them to cope more effectively with crises, psychotic episodes and emotional strain of caring.

NB: see also recommendation 7 on type and provision of respite services in the county. (respite was discussed in section 10.0 and 13.26)

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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 9 October 2007.

PRESENT: Mr R E King (Chairman), Mr A R Bassam (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Curwood (substitute for Mrs S V Hohler), Mrs V J Dagger, Mr J A Davies, Mr T Gates, Mrs E Green, Mr C Hibberd, Mr G A Horne, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr J F London, Mr T A Maddison, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mr W V Newman, Mr A R Poole, and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

OTHER MEMBERS: Dr T R Robinson

OFFICERS: The Head of Planning Applications Group, Mrs S Thompson (with Mr J Crossley); the Development Planning Manager, Mr A Ash; and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

**UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

**79. Minutes**  
*(Item A3)*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2007 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**80. Clarification of Minute 07/74 in respect of Saturday use of all weather pitch and multi-use games area at Hugh Christie Technology College, White Cottage Road, Tonbridge**  
*(Item A4 – Report by Head of Democratic Services)*

(1) Mr R A Marsh moved, seconded by Mr T A Maddison that the decision on Saturday use recorded in Minutes 07/74 be confirmed.

*Carried 14 votes to 2*

(2) RESOLVED that the decision on Saturday use recorded in Minute 07/74 be confirmed.

**81. Site Meetings and Other Meetings**  
*(A5)*

The Committee agreed to visit Skinners School, Tonbridge on Tuesday, 6 November 2007 and Dungeness on Monday, 12 November 2007.

**82. Proposal DO/07/651 – Retention and renewal of a mobile classroom at Goodnestone CE Primary School, The Street, Goodnestone; KCC Children, Families and Education.**

*(Item D1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) Mr G A Horne moved, seconded by Mr A R Poole that the recommendations of the Head of Planning Applications Group be agreed, subject to the temporary permission being for 2 years.

(2) Mr J I Muckle moved, seconded by Mr T A Maddison as an amendment that permission be granted for a temporary period of three years, commencing at the expiry of the previous permission in November 2006.

*Amendment Carried 13 votes to 2*

(3) Mr J F L London moved, seconded by Mr W V Newman as an amendment that the recommendation of the Head of Planning Applications Group for a three year temporary permission from the grant of planning permission be agreed.

*Amendment Lost 4 votes to 8*

(4) On being put to the vote, the substantive motion as amended by Mr Muckle and Mr Maddison was carried by 14 votes to 3.

(5) The Chairman also agreed that the Chairman should write to the relevant Cabinet Portfolio holder to express the Committee's concern at the number of retrospective planning applications received from LEA schools.

(6) RESOLVED that:-

(a) permission be granted to the proposal subject to the imposition of a condition requiring the building to be removed and the site restored within 3 years of the expiry of the previous planning permission in November 2006;

(b) the applicant be advised by informative that planning permission is granted for a continued period to enable the preparation of a scheme to provide more suitable permanent accommodation at the school. It is considered that the continued siting of the mobile building fails to enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area; and

(c) the Chairman write to the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder on the Committee's behalf to express its concern at the number of retrospective planning applications received from LEA Schools.

**83. Proposal SW/07/902 – Creation of a children's centre within existing redundant space and minor internal works including the erection of a canopy in front of Cedar Block at Grove Park Primary School, Hilton Drive, Sittingbourne; KCC Children, Families and Education.**

*(Item D2 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions including the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; details of the materials to be used to construct the canopy and buggy store; hours of use being restricted to 0800 to 1800 Monday to Friday; and implementation and ongoing review of a Green Travel Plan for the Centre.



**84. Proposal SH/07/746 – Temporary positioning of a steel storage container at The Harvey Grammar School Sports Fields, Cherry Garden Avenue, Folkestone; Governors of The Harvey Grammar School and KCC Children, Families and Education.**

*(Item D3 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) Mr W Grudgings addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposal. He had previously provided supporting documents which were tabled. Mr S Hunnisett, Premises Manager of The Harvey Grammar School spoke in reply.

(2) In permitting the proposal, the Committee also agreed that the applicants should consider whether the location of the container could be adjusted to improve the view, but that this must not result in the container being located any nearer to the neighbouring properties. The Committee also agreed that space between the container and the wall should not be used for additional storage.

(3) RESOLVED that:

- (a) permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions including conditions covering the standard time condition; the storage container being permitted for a time period of two years only; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted plans; a scheme of landscaping being submitted; and no storage taking place between the container and the wall; and
- (b) the applicants be requested to consider whether the location of the container could be adjusted to improve the view (subject to it not being sited any nearer to adjoining properties).

**85. County Matters dealt with under Delegated Powers**

*(Items E1-E6 – Reports by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED to note reports on items dealt with under delegated powers since the last meeting relating to:-

- (a) County matter applications;
- (b) consultations on applications submitted by District Councils or Government Departments;
- (c) County Council developments;
- (d) detailed submissions under Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996 (None);
- (e) screening opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999; and
- (f) scoping opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999 (None).

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## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 6 November 2007.

PRESENT: Mr R E King (Chairman), Mr A R Bassam (Vice-Chairman), Mrs V J Dagger, Mr J A Davies, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mrs E Green, Mr C Hibberd, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr G A Horne, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr J F London, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mr W V Newman, Mr A R Poole and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

OTHER MEMBERS: Mr R J Parry

OFFICERS: The Head of Planning Applications Group, Mrs S Thompson (with Mr M Clifton, Mr J Crossley and Mr J Wooldridge); the Development Planning Manager, Mr A Ash; and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

#### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

**86. Minutes**  
*(Item A3)*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2007 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**87. Site Meetings and Other Meetings**  
*(Item A5)*

The Committee noted the arrangements for the site visit to Dungeness on 12 November 2007 and the training session on Heritage and Archaeology on 26 November 2007.

**88. Planning Applications Group Business Plan 2007/08 – Half Year Progress Report**  
*(Item B1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED that the half year progress against the current Business Plan be noted and that a further update report be given to the Committee in February.

**89. Applications TM/07/512, TM/07/3001 and TM/07/3100 – (i) northern extension of existing quarry; (ii) additional time for duration of soil blending operations; and (iii) additional time for sand extraction and backfilling at Borough Green Sand Pit, Platt Industrial Estate, St Mary's Platt, Borough Green; Borough Green Sand Pits Ltd.**  
*(Item C1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) Mrs V J Dagger made a declaration of personal interest as she was representing the views of her constituents. She addressed the Committee in her capacity as local Member but took no part in the decision-making process.

(2) On being put to the vote, the recommendations of the Head of Planning Applications Group were carried by 12 votes to 2.

(3) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) subject to the prior satisfactory conclusion of a legal agreement to secure the Heads of Terms given in Appendix 7 of the report and the applicants meeting the County Council's reasonable legal costs associated with this agreement, permission be granted to Application TM/07/512 for the northern extension of the existing sand quarry and restoration to agriculture, amenity and woodland using imported inert waste materials, subject to conditions covering amongst other matters duration of the permission (until 31 December 2018); requirement for annual progress reports; maximum depth of extraction (68m AOD); wastes being restricted to those types set out in the application; hours of operation; noise limits; dust controls; lighting (to minimise visual impacts); vehicle movement restrictions (60 per day – 30 in/30 out); use of existing site access only; measures to minimise mud, dust and other debris being deposited on the highway (including vehicle sheeting); landscape planting and long term maintenance; protection of existing trees; removal of permitted development rights; more detailed working, restoration and aftercare schemes; surface water drainage; appropriate soil handling and storage; ecology; and archaeology and historic landscape;
- (b) in respect of Application TM/07/3101, permission be partially granted to vary Condition 1 of Permission TM/05/1672 to relax the time limit for soil blending operations to continue only in the final location on the site plan beyond 2008 to 31 August 2018 in order to meet the revised quarry restoration timescales proposed in Application TM/07/512 (above), subject to conditions covering amongst other matters a limit on operations until sand reserves are exhausted or the end of 2015 (whichever is the sooner); and existing conditions being replicated or amended as necessary;
- (c) permission be granted to part of Application TM/07/3100 to vary Condition 3 of Permission TM/98/1843/MR100, as amended by Permission TM/05/1173, to further relax the time limit for sand extraction and restoration by backfilling, to provide an amended timetable for implementation of restoration pursuant to Condition 2 of Permission TM/98/1843/MR100 subject to conditions covering amongst other matters duration of the Permission (until 31 December 2018); sand extraction being completed in the existing area before extraction commences in the proposed northern extension; and existing conditions being replicated or amended as necessary; and
- (d) permission be granted to part of Application TM/07/3100 to depart from the requirement of Condition 2 of Permission TM/98/1843/MR100 and for the amendment of the details of site buildings and associated facilities pursuant to Condition 21 of Permission TM/98/1843/MR100.

**90. Application SH/06/1219 – Variation of Conditions 2, 3 and 13 and deletion of Condition 15 of Permission SH/98/332 for the extraction of sand and gravel at Allens Bank, off Dennes Lane, Lydd; Robert Brett and Sons Ltd.**  
*(Item C2 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

- (1) Mr F Wood-Brignall made a declaration of personal interest as he had previously given his views on the application. He addressed the Committee in his capacity as local Member but took no part in the decision-making process.
- (2) Correspondence from Lydd Town Council maintaining its objection was tabled.
- (3) The Committee agreed to the inclusion of an Informative to indicate that it would wish the operation to be concluded within 10 years of the granting of permission.
- (4) RESOLVED that:-
  - (a) permission be granted to the variation of Conditions 2, 3 and 13 and to the deletion of Condition 15 of Permission SH/98/322 subject to extraction of sand and gravel from the site taking place over a period of 10 years; the Scheme of Work providing for extraction to take place over 10 separate phases together with their progressive restoration upon the completion of extraction in each successive phase using imported inert waste materials; there being no restriction on where the extracted materials are subsequently exported; and to conditions including conditions requiring the progressive working and restoration of the site being carried out strictly in accordance with the application details as indicated on drawing no. AB/200 rev A. submitted with the letter from Davies Planning dated 30 March 2007; operations ceasing within 10 years from the date of the recommencement of sand extraction, and the site being restored within a further 12 months in accordance with the 'Further Revised Restorations & Landscape Assessment' undertaken on behalf of Brett Aggregates Ltd by Keith Funnell Associates dated February 2007 which accompanied the letter from Davies Planning dated 30 March 2007; written notice being given to the County Planning Authority at least 14 days prior to the recommencement of sand extraction at the site; and details of the proposed tree planting and seed mixes including those areas of the site to be reinstated as acid grassland being submitted to the County Planning Authority for approval within 3 months of the date of this Permission; and
  - (b) the applicant be advised of the following Informatives:-
    - (i) attention is drawn to the requirements of EDF Energy, Natural England and Network Rail as set out in their letters attached to this Application;
    - (ii) all other Conditions imposed on Permission SH/98/322 remain in effect; and
    - (iii) the Committee would wish to see the completion of operations within 10 years of the granting of permission.

- 91. Proposal SE/07/2536 – Replacement of boundary fencing from chestnut paling fence to 1.8m high green weld-mesh fence at Seal CE Primary School and Zambra Way, Seal, Sevenoaks; Governors of Seal CE Primary School and KCC Children, Families and Education**  
*(Item D1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions, including conditions covering the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; and the development being carried out in such a way as to avoid the removal of existing trees and shrubs.

- 92. Proposal DO/07/994 – Retention and renewal of consent for a four classroom mobile building with library, toilet and staff facilities at The Downs CE Primary School, Owen Square, Walmer; Governors of The Downs CE Primary School and KCC Children, Families and Education**  
*(Item D2 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions including conditions covering the removal of the mobile building by 30 November 2010 and reinstatement of the land to its former use; and the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted plans; and
- (b) the applicant be advised by Informative that:-
  - (i) the further period of retention of three years is on the proviso that urgent progress will be made with regard to the development of a scheme to provide appropriate permanent teaching accommodation at the earliest opportunity; and
  - (ii) the Managing Director of Children, Families and Education is strongly advised to include this school in the Modernisation Programme for replacement of temporary accommodation.

- 93. Proposal SW/07/1069 – Retrospective application to retain a 1.2m high fence on top of the existing boundary wall at Minster College, Minster Road, Minster-on-Sea, Sheerness; Governors of Minster College and KCC Children, Families and Education**  
*(Item D3 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) permission be refused on the grounds that by virtue of its scale, massing and bulk, and the visual appearance of the chosen colour scheme, the fence would have an overbearing visual impact to the detriment of both the street scene and residential properties along Parsonage Chase, contrary to Structure Plan Policy QL1 and Local Plan Policy G1; and
- (b) given the retrospective nature of the application, urgent steps be taken to remove the timber boarded fence, and that this case be reported to Regulation Committee at the next available date.

**94. Proposal SE/07/1914 – Demolition of Garage Cottages and erection of new two storey teaching block, extension to existing Knoll Block and erection of four new single storey residential blocks, plus associated hard landscaping works at Valence School, Westerham Road, Westerham; KCC Children, Families and Education.**

*(Item D4 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

*(Mr R J Parry was present for this item and spoke pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.24).*

- (1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported correspondence from Sevenoaks District Council maintaining its objection to the proposal, and the views of Westerham Parish Council and Natural England raising no objections.
- (2) On being put to the vote the recommendations of the Head of the Planning Applications Group were carried unanimously.
- (3) RESOLVED that:-
  - (a) the application be referred to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and that subject to her decision and satisfactory resolution of the outstanding issues on contamination and ecology, permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions, including conditions covering the standard time limit, the development being carried out in accordance with permitted details; external materials; submission for approval of details and implementation and subsequent maintenance of landscaping proposals; submission for approval of details and implementation of proposed woodland management; implementation of appropriate tree protection measures; external lighting specifications being agreed; submission for approval of specifications and implementation of programmes of archaeological work and building recording before development takes place; submission for approval of details of foul and surface water drainage; measures to deal with ground contamination; ecological/protected species mitigation, monitoring and management; biodiversity enhancement, monitoring and management, as appropriate; and measures to prevent mud and debris being taken onto the public highway; and
  - (b) the applicant be advised by Informative that account should be taken of the Environment Agency's advice relating to drainage, groundwater protection and in how to deal with contaminants.

**95. Proposal DA/07/672 – Single storey modular building for use as a Children's Centre at Knockhall Community Primary School, Eynsford Road, Greenhithe; KCC Children, Families and Education.**

*(Item D5 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

- (1) Correspondence from Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council was tabled maintaining its objection to the proposal and requesting a Members' site visit.
- (2) RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions, including conditions covering the standard time limit for implementation; sample of the render; the fencing being finished in green to match the existing fencing;

protection of trees during construction; replacement trees if any are removed; and the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details.

- 96. Proposal AS/07/1395 – Single storey modular building for use as a Children’s Centre, car parking to existing school to be designated to Children’s Centre and spaces lost by development to be re-provided on school hard play; hard play to be re-provided on soft landscaping at East Stour Primary School, Earlsworth Road, Willesborough; KCC Children, Families and Education.**  
*(Item D6 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions, including conditions covering the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details, details of external materials being submitted; details of a scheme of landscaping being submitted; details of cycle parking; details confirming that the development will achieve a sustainable and energy efficient building; details of foul and surface water drainage; replacement car parking being provided prior to commencement of use of the Centre; details of anti-climb measures/ barriers being submitted and installed on the building; hours of use for the Children’s Centre being restricted to 0800 to 1800 Monday to Friday; the use of the building being restricted specifically to use as a Children’s Centre only; and submission, implementation and ongoing review of a Travel Plan for the Children’s Centre.

- 97. County Matters dealt with under Delegated Powers**  
*(Items E1-E6 – Reports by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED to note reports on items dealt with under delegated powers since the last meeting relating to:-

- (a) County matter applications;
- (b) consultations on applications submitted by District Councils or Government Departments;
- (c) County Council developments;
- (d) detailed submissions under Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996 (None);
- (e) screening opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999; and
- (f) scoping opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999 (None).