

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 19 June 2008.

PRESENT:

Mr P W A Lake (Chairman)
Mr J A Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, Mrs C Angell, Mr M J Angell, Mr A R Bassam, Mr R H C Bliss, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Lord Bruce-Lockhart, Mr J R Bullock, MBE, Mr R B Burgess, Mr C J Capon, Ms S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A R Chell, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr L Christie, Mr B R Cope, Mr G Cowan, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Mr J Curwood, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, 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 I T N Jones, DL, Mr R E King, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr C J Law, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr K G Lynes, Mr T A Maddison, Mr R F Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, DL, Mr M J Northey, Mr R J E Parker, Mr R J Parry, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr A R Poole, Mr L B Ridings, Dr T R Robinson, Mr G Rowe, Mr J E Scholes, Mr J D Simmonds, Mr D Smyth, Mr M V Snelling, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mr R Truelove, Mrs E M Tweed, Mr M J Vye, Mr C T Wells, Mr B P Wood and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Gilroy (Chief Executive) and Mr G Wild (Director of Law and Governance).

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2008 and if in order, to be approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Announcements

Lord Bruce-Lockhart

The Chairman informed the Council that Lord Bruce-Lockhart was made a Freeman of the City of Canterbury on 17 June. Sadly Lord Bruce-Lockhart was unable to attend the ceremony due to his being unwell. The Council noted that the Chairman was writing to

Lord Bruce-Lockhart giving the Council's congratulations on this honour and letting him know that the Council was thinking of him.

Birthday Honours

The Chairman referred to the appointment of MBE to Dr John Williams, Head of Heritage Conservation, Kent County Council for services to Local Government.

RESOLVED that the Council record its sincere congratulations to Dr Williams on his appointment.

4. Questions

Under Procedure Rule 1.18, 8 questions were asked and replies were given. Question 2 fell as Mr Birkett was unable to attend the meeting. 5 questions remained unanswered at the end of thirty minutes and written answers were given.

5. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)

The Leader updated the Council on Partnership Working, CPA Review and Secondary School results.

6. KCC Annual Plan 2008-09

RESOLVED that the Annual Plan 2008-09 be approved.

7. Establishment of Joint Working with Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Shepway District Council and Thanet District Council

(1) Mr P Carter moved Mr A King seconded the recommendations contained in the report.

(2) The Chairman put to the vote the motion set out in (1) when the voting was as follows:

For - 48

Mrs A D Allen, Mr M J Angell, Mr A R Bassam, Mr R Bliss, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mr J R Bullock, Mr R B Burgess, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A R Chell, Mr B R Cope, Mr J Curwood, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr M C Dance, Mr K A Ferrin, Mr C G Findlay, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr P Hill, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Mr M J Harrison, Mr W A Hayton, Mr D A Hirst, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr G A Horne, Mr E E C Hotson, Mr A J King, Mr R E King, Mr C J Law, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R F Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R J Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr L B Ridings, Dr T R Robinson, Mr J E Scholes, Mr J D Simmonds, Mr M V Snelling, Mrs P Stockell, Mrs E Tweed, Mr C J Wells, and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

Abstain – 6

Mr I Chittenden, Mr D S Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr R Tolputt and Mr M J Vye.

Against - 19

Mrs C Angell, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Dr M Eddy, Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan,

Mr M J Fittock, Ms E Green, Ms A Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr I T N Jones, Mr T Maddison, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, Mr R J E Parker, Mr A R Poole, Mr D Smyth, and Mr R Truelove.

Carried

- (3) RESOLVED that as ratified by Cabinet at its meeting on 12 May:-
- (i) the establishment of a joint committee comprising Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Kent County Council, Shepway District Council and Thanet District Council, to be known as the East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee, with effect from 1 June 2008, be approved;
 - (ii) the terms of the Operating Arrangements for the East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
 - (iii) the delegation of functions to the East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee as set out in paragraph 3 of the report and Schedule 1 of the East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee Operating Arrangements be approved;
 - (iv) the Leader and Deputy Leader be appointed from time to time as the two nominated members of the Council in accordance with the East Kent (Joint Arrangement) Committee Operating Arrangements, with the Chief Executive authorised to effect such substitutions in consultation with the Leader; and
 - (v) all other Members of the Cabinet be authorised to act as substitutes for the Leader and the Deputy Leader as mentioned in the East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee Operating Arrangements.

The Council also RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the establishment of a joint scrutiny committee comprising Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Kent County Council, Shepway District Council and Thanet District Council, to be known as the East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee with effect from 1 June 2008, be approved;
- (b) the East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee Operating Arrangements set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (c) the terms of reference for the East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee as set out in the East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee Operating Arrangements be approved;
- (d) Mr J Law, Mr T Birkett and Mr M Vye be appointed to serve on the East Kent Joint Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee Operating Arrangements; and
- (e) any consequential changes required to the County Council's Constitution as a result of the recommendations would be published and implemented in accordance with Article 15 (Review and Revision of the Constitution) sub-paragraph 15.2, be noted.

8. Localism - A Strategy for Success

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) each Cabinet Member serving on one of the Local Strategic Partnership Boards to formally liaise and consult with the existing Local Board Chairmen and Members, District/Borough and Town/Parish Council colleagues, supported by the Community Liaison team, to negotiate the preferred way forward for Localism in their areas. This would involve the retention of some form of local board and a neighbourhood forum model, which would hopefully include representation from all tiers. When agreement was reached work would commence on the introduction of the preferred model to that part of the County with appropriate governance arrangements; and
- (c) the Council evaluate all models after a period of one year.

9. Annual Report of the Standards Committee

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

10. Proposed Changes to the Constitution

- (a) Policy Framework

RESOLVED that the plans listed as the current Policy Framework for inclusion in the Constitution be approved; and

- (b) Gating Orders

RESOLVED that the Constitution be amended to enable the making, variation or revocation of gating orders to be considered by a Regulation Committee Member Panel.

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.