



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES  
SESSIONS HOUSE  
MAIDSTONE

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

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, 16 October 2008 at **10.00 am** to deal with the following business. **The meeting is scheduled to end by 4.30 pm.**

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2008 and if in order, (Pages 1 - 4)  
to be approved as a correct record.
3. Chairman's Announcements
4. Questions
5. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
6. Towards 2010 Annual Report (Pages 5 - 8)
7. Kent Children & Young People's Plan (Pages 9 - 16)
8. Item for time limited debate  
Mrs T Dean will move, Mr M Vye will second:

"That this Council opposes the development of a power station at Kingsnorth without the associated means of carbon capture as set out by the Environment Agency".

9. Item for time limited debate  
Mr P Carter will move, Mr N Chard will second:-

"That this County Council agrees to lobby Central Government for a response on how Kent is expected to cope with an additional 6,971 homes being built in the County every year until 2026 as proposed in the Government's revised housing figures in the South East Plan, a total of 139,420 or a 21 per cent increase in homes, without diminishing the quality of life for Kent residents."

10. Minutes for Approval - Governance and Audit Committee

(Pages 17 - 18)

11. Minutes for Information

(Pages 19 - 24)

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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, 4 September 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 T J Birkett, Mr R H C Bliss, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mr J R Bullock, MBE, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A Chell, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mr A D Crowther, Mr J Curwood, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mrs T Dean, Mr K A Ferrin, MBE; Mr C G Findlay, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Mrs E Green, Ms A Harrison, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr P M Hill, OBE; Mr D A Hirst, Mr G A Horne, MBE, Mr E E C Hotson, Mr I T N Jones, Mr A J King, MBE; Mr R E King, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr T A Maddison, 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, Mr L B Ridings, Mrs E D Rowbotham, Mr G Rowe, Mr J D Simmonds, Ms B J Simpson, Mr D Smyth, Mr M V Snelling, Mrs P A Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mr R Truelove, Mrs E Tweed, Mr C T Wells and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

IN ATTENDANCE:- The Chief Executive, Mr P Gilroy, OBE; the Director of Law and Governance, Mr G Wild and Mrs M E Cooper, Democratic Services Manager, Legal and Democratic Services.

### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

#### 1. **Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

#### 2. **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. **Chairman's Announcements**

Ms B J Simpson

The Chairman welcomed back Ms B Simpson following a prolonged illness.

Mr C J Law and Lord Bruce Lockhart

- (1) The Chairman announced the death of Mr John Law, County Councillor for Herne Bay and Lord Bruce-Lockhart, Kt, OBE, County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East.
- (2) Numerous Councillors paid tribute to both Mr J Law and Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart.
- (3) The Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.
- (4) RESOLVED that this Council desires to record the sense of loss it feels on the death of Mr Law and Lord Bruce-Lockhart and extends to their relatives its deepest sympathy on their sad bereavement.

Mr C J Capon and Mr B R Cope

The Chairman advised the Council that both Mr Capon and Mr Cope were unwell and stated that he had written to them both on behalf of the Council wishing them a speedy recovery.

Petition

The Chairman announced that he had received a petition regarding weighting restrictions in Yalding which he handed to Mr K Ferrin, Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste.

**4. Questions**

Under Procedure Rule 1.18, 10 questions were asked and replies were given.

**5. Report by Leader of the Council**

The Leader updated the Council on the economic recession and improvements within Kent Highways Services. At the end of his report the Council received a DVD on the Schools Sports Event.

**6. Property Enterprise Fund 2**

- (1) Mr N J D Chard moved Mr D Brazier seconded the recommendations contained in the report.
- (2) Mr D Smyth moved Mr T Maddison seconded, as an amendment, the following words be added to the recommendation:  
  
    “(b) that properties assigned to the Fund are maintained at the highest possible standard so as not to disfigure and downgrade the surrounding areas.”
- (3) Mr A King moved Mr P Carter seconded that the question be put.

For – 39

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 P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A R Chell, Mr J Curwood, Mr V J Dagger,

4 September 2008

Mr M C Dance, Mr C G Findlay, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M J Harrison, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr P M Hill, Mr D A Hirst, Mr G A Horne, Mr A J King, Mr R E King, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr R J Parry, Mr L B Ridings, Mr J D Simmonds, Mrs P Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mr C Wells and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

Against – 20

Mrs C Angell, Mr T Birkett, Mr I Chittenden, Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mr A D Crowther, Mr D S Daley, Mrs E Green, Ms A Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr I T N Jones, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, Mr R J E Parker, Mr A R Poole, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr G Rowe, Mr D Smyth and Mr R Truelove.

*Carried*

(4) The Chairman then put to the vote the amendment set out in (2) above.

For – 16

Mrs C Angell, Mr T Birkett, Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mrs E Green, Ms A Harrison, 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, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr D Smyth and Mr R Truelove.

Abstain – 1

Mr S J E Koowaree.

Against – 46

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, Miss S J Carey, Mr N J D Chard, Mr I Chittenden, Mr P B Carter, Mr A R Chell, Mr A D Crowther, Mr J Curwood, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mr K A Ferrin, Mr C G Findlay, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr P M Hill, Mr D A Hirst, Mr G A Horne, Mr A J King, Mr R E King, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R A Marsh, Mr M J Northey, Mr R J Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr L B Ridings, Mr G Rowe, Mr J Simmonds, Ms B Simpson, Mrs P Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mr C Wells and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

*Lost*

(5) The Chairman then put to the vote the motion set out in (1) above.

For – 49

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, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A R Chell, Mr I Chittenden, Mr A D Crowther, Mr J Curwood, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mr K A Ferrin, Mr C G Findlay, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R A Gough, Mr M J Harrison, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr P Hill, Mr D A Hirst, Mr G A Horne, Mr A J King, Mr R E King, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R A Marsh, Mr M J Northey, Mr R J Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr L B Ridings, Mr G Rowe, Mr J D Simmonds, Ms B Simpson, Mr M V Snelling, Mrs P Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mr C Wells and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

Abstain – 13

Mrs C Angell, Mr T Birkett, Mr G Cowan, Mrs 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 D Smyth and Mr R Truelove.

Against – 4

Mr L Christie, Mr R J E Parker, Mr A R Poole and Mrs E Rowbotham.

*Carried*

- (6) RESOLVED that the establishment of PEF2 with a maximum deficit balance of £85m be approved.

**7. Motion for Time-limited debate**

Mr P Carter, with the consent of his seconder and the Council, agreed to withdraw this motion.

**8. Minutes – Governance and Audit Committee –30 June 2008**

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

**10. Minutes for Information**

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

By: Paul Carter, Leader of the County Council  
To: County Council – 16 October 2008  
Subject: *Towards 2010* Annual Report  
Classification: Unrestricted

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**Summary:**

In September 2006, KCC set itself 63 challenging and ambitious targets in the *Towards 2010* plans for Kent. The second *Towards 2010* Annual Report to County Council is attached for approval at this meeting.

FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION

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**1. Introduction**

In September 2006 we launched our priorities for the next four years (2006- 2010). *Towards 2010* sets out how we will achieve the following overarching goals over this period:

- Increased prosperity for Kent through business growth and job creation
- Transformation in education
- Reduced congestion
- Improved health and quality of life
- Quality homes in a well-managed environment
- A safer Kent
- Continued improvements in services while keeping council tax down.

Delivery of many of the 63 *Towards 2010* targets requires cross-directorate and partnership working. Each of the *Towards 2010* targets is accompanied by a public action plan on KCC's website that sets out how it will be met, and which is updated on a twice yearly basis.

Annual reports on progress are discussed and approved by County Council each autumn. At this stage we are half way through the term of *Towards 2010*.

Progress has been made since the last annual report in 2007 and the current status of the 63 targets is as follows:

- 2 (3%) 'Done and ongoing'
- 54 (86%) 'On course'
- 7 (11%) 'More progress is needed'.

These three statuses are the same as we used for reporting progress against the *Next Four Years* (2002 – 2006) targets.

Those targets deemed 'More progress needed' are subject to more frequent progress meetings to get them back on track.

## **2. Format of the report**

Feedback from members from last year has been taken into account in finalising the layout of this year's Annual Report and the separate report for each target includes the following elements:

- Status of the target (Either 'More progress needed', 'On course' or 'Done and ongoing')
- List of partners with whom we are delivering this target
- Progress to date
- Work planned between now and 2010
- Measurable indicators (where relevant – as agreed at County Council in December 2007).

## **3. Approval process and input by Policy Overview Committees**

Lead officers completed their draft reports in July for discussion and agreement with their managing directors and portfolio holders. The reports have been quality checked by Performance Management Group, Chief Executives Department, and discussed and agreed with the Leader.

It was discussed at each of the Policy Overview Committee (POC) meetings during September to allow Members to have a chance to comment prior to County Council. NB The minutes of the POC meetings will be circulated to members at County Council for their information.

The second Annual Report against *Towards 2010* is attached for County Council for approval at this meeting. Once approved, it will be published on KCC's website.

## **4. Performance indicators**

A shake-up of the performance indicator process has been undertaken since the *Next Four Years* process was completed in 2006. The *Towards 2010* Annual Report now includes outcome-based indicators where needed, which are underpinned by data quality procedures. The report contains around 70 indicators, a vast reduction on the number we reported for the *Next Four Years*.

## **5. Major outcomes so far**

Set out below are some examples of achievements to date:

- The successful launch of the Kent Freedom Pass
- Helping to prepare our young people for employment and further development of alternative education opportunities including expansion of the vocational programme
- Improved primary school results
- The success of the healthy schools and healthy eating target



- Kent being part of the Whole Systems Demonstrator programme to examine the effect of Telehealth and Telecare, enabling over 2,500 more recipients of this assistive technology
- Development of the INVOKE project to give older people greater independence and self-management through increased choice and control
- Brighter Futures successfully sustained with new sources of funding identified through the social care grant, helping more older people to remain independent
- Bringing a large number of empty properties back in to use as homes
- Master planning and regeneration of Ashford town centre
- A package of schemes in Kent Thameside including a new Fastrack route
- The impact on reducing fly tipping
- The huge success of Kent School Games which involved over 500 schools throughout the county participating in 515 local area heats, competitions and festivals culminating in 52 separate finals events in June and July
- Introducing the new targeted Handyvan in Gravesham in August 2007, one of a number of partnership initiatives that has led to a 40% reduction in domestic burglary since 2006/07
- Securing 8.1m funding from SEEDA and the Arts Council for the Turner Contemporary project.

## **6. Recommendations**

County Council is asked to APPROVE the second *Towards 2010* Annual Report.

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By: Leyland Ridings, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Educational Standards, CFE  
Mark Dance, Cabinet Member for Operations, Resources and Skills, CFE  
Karen Mills, Planning Manager, Strategic Planning and Review

To: County Council – 16 October 2008

Subject: Kent Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 – POSITIVE ABOUT OUR FUTURE

Classification: Unrestricted

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**Summary:** This paper presents Kent's Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 – Positive about our Future - to Members of the County Council and seeks formal approval to the plan.

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## **1 Introduction**

1. (1) The Children Act 2004 provides the legislation underpinning the transformation of children's services as set out in the [Every Child Matters: Change for Children](#) programme.

(2) A key element in the implementation of Children's Trusts is the development, by the local authority and its partners, of a single, strategic, plan outlining partnership priorities - the Children and Young People's Plan. Current consultations suggest that this will become a legal requirement on partners in the near future.

(3) The CYPP covers services for all children and young people. However, inevitably, it focuses actions on a minority percentage of children and young people with the most needs and highest demands on services. Supporting this group will in the long run reduce demands on services and improve outcomes for the majority.

(4) Although the plan highlights key priorities for partnership action it does not cover all services being provided for children and young people across Kent. The core activities are represented in the various partner agencies business plans and continue to be vital in maintaining the quality of life of most children and young people in the area.

(5) The Children and Young People's Plan is helping bring all agencies together to focus on the challenge of making sure that the momentum for narrowing the gap and enabling children and young people to be resilient and optimistic individuals gathers pace, whilst maintaining universal services for all.

(6) The Kent Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2008 has been updated to reflect the updated needs assessment and agreed priorities of the Kent Children's Trust Board. The proposed outcomes and key activities in the plan are based on a thorough Kent wide needs analysis that builds on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment undertaken by Health colleagues. It also incorporates recommendations from the Joint Area Review (JAR), the LAA2, some of the indicators from the new National Indicator set and aspects of the National Children's Plan – Building Brighter Futures.

(7) The updated plan focuses on those outcomes and activities that can be improved and delivered through multi-agency /partnership working. It demonstrates our joint commitment to improving the life chances of children and young people across the County and sets a challenging agenda for change.

(8) The plan was agreed by the Kent Children's Trust Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008

This plan is included in the Forward Plan as a key decision

## **2 Policy Framework**

2. (1) The duty to produce a Children and Young People's Plan falls within the remit of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services . Although the responsibility is given to the Local Authority, the intention is that the local authority is the co-ordinating body and that the CYPP is a strategic plan of the Kent Children's Trust and in that sense covers services being provided by a range of agencies not just those provided by KCC.

(2) The Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 is part of the policy framework and requires ratification by the Council. The Children Act 2004 provides the legislative foundation.

(3) The Children and Young People's Plan replaces most of the previous statutory children's services plans required by Government including the Education Development Plan, Behaviour Support Plan, and Early Years & Childcare Plan.

## **3. Implications**

3. (1) **Towards 2010 Targets** - The Children and Young People's Plan incorporates outcomes and actions to support all 2010 targets relevant to children, young people and their families.

(2) **LAA2** - The Children and Young People's Plan includes all LAA2 priorities relevant to children and young people and their families

(3) **Equality and Diversity** - The plan has been checked to ensure compliance with E&D legislation through an equality impact assessments of all its outcomes and activities. The Children and Young People's Plan will deliver locally a number of actions that will improve outcomes and opportunities for minority and vulnerable groups.

(4) **Customer Service and Delivery** - The implementation of the Children and Young People's Plan will have a positive impact on the delivery of services. The strategic plan will be underpinned by the 23 Local Children's Services Partnership (LCSPs) plans ensuring that the needs of children, young people and their families are addressed through a more responsive, coherent and personalised service delivered earlier and closer to the point of need.

(5) **Budget/Financial** - All agencies are responsible for ensuring that they have the capacity and resources to underpin the priorities and actions they have agreed to deliver as part of the plan.

#### **4 The Development of the CYPP and consultation arrangements**

4. (1) The Children and Young People Plan has been developed on behalf of the Kent Children's Trust board. A comprehensive and wide ranging research, analysis and consultation process has been undertaken to inform the update of the plan

(2) Research and analysis - Relevant National, Regional, Local research and policy has been fully reviewed. A comprehensive needs analysis has been undertaken building on the Joint Strategic Needs assessment undertaken by health colleagues

(3) Views of Children and Young people – The plan has been developed using the views of over 43,000 children and young people from the Young People of Kent survey 2006-7 and 2007-8. In addition a number of focus groups to gather the views of under represented children and young people were also commissioned by the Strategic Planning & Review team including groups with looked after children, young carers, BME, disabled children, young offenders .

(4) Views of parents, carers, staff and residents – Partner agencies internal mechanisms for gathering the views of parents, carers, staff and residents were used in the formulation of priorities, outcomes and activities. This was strengthened through the use of a BMG parental survey –'Informing the strategy for parental support' – December 2007 commissioned on behalf of the Kent Children's Trust.

(5) Consultation on the plan – The plan was subject to widespread consultation during June/July 2008 with the aim of seeking views from the full range of stakeholders to inform the final draft. This included:

- The Kent Children's Trust member organisations
- All partners contained within statutory guidance
- CFE Policy Overview Committee (and all Members through the Member Information Briefing)
- Local Boards
- The Kent Partnership, its sub groups and associated multi agency groups
- Schools and governors through the e-bulletin to all schools
- KCC Members and officers.

(6) The plan has been updated to reflect a broad and balanced representation of the comments arising from the consultation being mindful of the remit of the plan and the statutory context. Areas of the plan that were developed during the consultation process are detailed in Appendix A.

## **5. Local Members**

5. The plan has a Kent wide multi-agency focus. KCC Members have been involved in the consultation process.

## **6. Next Steps**

6. (1) Once endorsed by County Council, the plan will be disseminated to all partners/stakeholders and summary versions produced for parent/carers and children/young people.

(2) The plan will be monitored and reviewed bi-annually through the Kent Children's Trust Board and annually through the Annual Plan of the Council.

## **7. Conclusion**

7. The Local Authority has a key role to play in the delivery of the Kent Children and Young People's Plan. The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is an important element of the Every Child Matters reform programme driving forward better local integration of children's services and the development of local partnership arrangements. The development of the plan puts in place a framework for the planning, development and delivery of local actions to improve the life chances of children and young people in Kent.

## **8. Recommendations**

8. Members of the County Council are asked to:

- (1) Approve the Kent Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 – Positive about our future

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## **Appendix A**

### **Kent Children and Young people's Plan 2008-2011 – Positive about Our Future**

The following changes were made to the Children and Young People's Plan following consultation:

#### **Priority One: Reducing the impact of poverty:**

- Ensure parents are enabled to take up work was extended to include enabling parents to take up learning opportunities in recognition that further education is also a route out of poverty.

#### **Priority 2: Resilience, well being and healthy lifestyle:**

- New activities have been included focusing on the way services can work in partnership with parents to promote self esteem and self confidence and engaging whole families in lifestyle changes to help and support children who are an unhealthy weight.
- An additional activity was included to ensure all steps are taken to avoid young people being admitted to adult psychiatric wards.

#### **Priority 3: Parenting:**

- There was some remodelling of this section to ensure that services recognise the whole range of challenges parents might face, they offer what parents want, help them in their role and are easily accessible.
- The specific needs of fathers were highlighted to ensure that male carers are recognised and involved in decisions about their children.
- Family learning was included as another opportunity to help families out of the cycle of poverty, to raise self-esteem of parents and to inspire children to learn through the example of their parents.
- Concern over the drop in MMR immunisations in Kent by the age of 2 led to this being included as a focus for activity.

#### **Priority 4: Housing:**

- The housing section was strengthened to highlight the problems of hidden homelessness and to ensure support is made available to help resolve disputes and tenancy problems.
- Also an additional action to improve the timeliness of housing adaptations for children with disabilities was included.
- Improving the supply and affordability of housing for young people was a theme throughout consultation and has now been included.

#### **Priority 5: Vulnerable children:**

- There was specific recognition made of those children who may have an autistic spectrum disorder and ensuring early diagnosis and support is available.

**Priority 6: Things to do and places to go:**

- Recreation and leisure activities were separated out to reflect the needs of different age groups- young people were asking for places to go and be together, younger children wanted play areas
- The needs of young people who are at risk of reoffending were recognised rather than focusing purely on prevention of first time offending.

**Priority 7: Participating and engaging in learning and society:**

- The outcome for early years changed from a focus on attainment to improving more general outcomes for children from birth to 5 so that the importance of learning through play and the role early years settings have in preparing children for school were included.
- Ensuring young people were engaged in learning and prepared for work was a key area that was strengthened following consultation. Ensuring that an accessible and appropriate curriculum was available, careers advice and guidance, enterprise and creativity and skills to make young people employable were all added.

**Priority 8: Children and young people are safe and free from bullying and harassment:**

- The responsibility of providers to provide a safe environment for all, but especially for vulnerable CYP was strengthened.

Enabling sections: How we will deliver the plan

- Strategic or organisational activity was moved to the enabling sections so that all activity relating to delivery structures, workforce planning, integrated processes and participation has been grouped rather than scattered across the different priorities.

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 17 September 2008.

PRESENT: Mr C G Findlay (Chairman), Mr R L H Long, TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr D L Brazier, Mr A R Chell, Mr W A Hayton, Mr S J G Koowaree (substitute for Mrs T Dean), Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, DL, Mr D Smyth and Mr M V Snelling.

OFFICERS: Ms L McMullan (Director of Finance), Mr I Clark (Group Leader - Legal Services), Mr N Vickers (Head of Financial Services), Ms J Dawson (Head of Audit and Risk), (with Mr S Davis and Mr S Rooney) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Brown of the Audit Commission

#### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

**23. Membership**  
(Item. 1)

The Committee noted the appointment of Mr W A Hayton to the Committee.

**24. Minutes - 30 June 2008**  
(Item. 4)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**25. Dates of Meetings in 2009:**  
(Item. 5)

The Committee noted the following dates for its meeting in 2009:-

Wednesday, 4 March 2009  
Tuesday, 30 June 2009  
Wednesday, 16 September 2009  
Tuesday, 1 December 2009

**26. Statement of Accounts 2007/08**  
(Item. 6 – Report by Director of Finance)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**27. Treasury Management Annual Review**  
(Item. 7 – Report by Director of Finance)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**28. Debt Recovery**  
*(Item. 8 – Report by Director of Finance)*

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**29. Trading Activities Sub-Group Terms of Reference**  
*(Item. 9 – Report by Director of Finance)*

(1) The Committee agreed to the inclusion of the overarching objective set out in (2) below.

(2) RESOLVED that the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 of the report be agreed subject to the following overarching objective:-

“To ensure that the trading activities of the County Council are run properly, transparently and fairly”.

**30. Internal Audit Progress Report**  
*(Item. 10 – Report by Head of Audit and Risk)*

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**31. Internal Audit Reporting - Irregularities**  
*(Item. 11 – Report by Head of Audit and Risk)*

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**32. Mr Sean Rooney**

The Committee expressed its thanks to Mr Sean Rooney for his work on its behalf and wished him well in the future.

**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 September 2008.

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

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

**UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

**65. Membership**

The Committee noted the appointment of Mrs P A V Stockell in place of Mr R A Marsh.

**66. Minutes**  
*(Item A3)*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**67. Site Meetings and Other Meetings**  
*(Item A4)*

The Committee noted that there would be a training session on Tuesday, 23 September 2008. Details of proposed visits to Wrotham School and to a composting facility at Church Lane, Aldington, Ashford would be communicated to all Committee Members at later stage.

**68. Planning Controls for School Sports Proposals**  
*(Item B1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

- (1) The Head of Planning Applications Group circulated a table showing how hours of use could be calculated in a hypothetical case.
- (2) The Committee noted that the final sentence of Paragraph 7 of the report should read “there is often an expectation of over 80 hours per week of *combined school and* community use.”
- (3) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- 69. Application AS/08/945 – Wastewater pumping station, including change of use for land and the construction of a motor control centre kiosk, sub station kiosk, standby generator and steel palisade fencing at Land to the south of Alsops Road, Willesborough, Ashford; Southern Water Ltd**  
*(Item C1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) permission be granted to the application subject to conditions including the standard time condition; noise controls; construction hours; details of parking and loading arrangements; measures to prevent mud or debris on the highway; and details of methods of disposing of surface water within the site; and
- (b) Informatives sought by the Environment Agency regarding groundwater vulnerability, drainage, land contamination and storage of fuels/chemicals be attached to the permission.

- 70. Proposal TW/08/2323 – Removal of existing radio mast and erection of a 2.5kW wind turbine at Mascalls School, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood; Governors of Mascalls 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; the existing radio mast being completely removed from site and the land restored to its original condition prior to the erection of the wind turbine; the turbine being finished in black (head & rotor) and grey (tower); and the turbine being removed from site when no longer in use with the site being restored to its original condition.

- 59. Proposal DO/08/724 – Extension to the School House at Charlton CE Primary School, Barton Road, Dover; Governors of Charlton CE Primary School.**  
*(Item D2 – 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; all external materials matching those of the existing building; and the Developer allowing access at all reasonable times to an archaeologist to observe the excavations and record items of interest and finds.

- 60. 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 (None);
- (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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### REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of A meeting of the Regulation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 18 September 2008.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman), Mr T J Birkett, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr J Curwood, Mr J A Davies, Mr M J Fittock (substitute for Mr L Christie), Mr T Gates, Mr C Hart, Mr W A Hayton, Mr I T N Jones, DL, Mr R E King (Substitute for Mr A R Bassam), Mr R A Pascoe, Mrs P A V Stockell and Mr F Wood-Brignall

IN ATTENDANCE: The Head of Planning Applications Group, Mrs S Thompson (with Mr R Gregory), the Public Rights of Way Officer, Miss M McNeir; and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait

#### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

**14. Minutes**  
(Item. 3)

- (1) The Minutes of the Regulation Committee Member Panel meeting of 15 September 2008 were tabled.
- (2) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 20 May 2008 and of the Member Panels held on 10 June 2008, 2 September 2008 and 15 September 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**15. Meetings of the Committee in 2009**  
(Item. 4)

The Committee noted the following meeting dates in 2009:-

Tuesday, 27 January 2009;  
Tuesday, 19 May 2009; and  
Tuesday, 10 September 2009.

**16. Commons Act 2006 - DEFRA Pilot Project**  
(Item. 5 – Report by Divisional Director of Environment and Waste)

RESOLVED to note:-

- (a) the County Council's role and participation in the pilot implementation of Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006;
- (b) the additional responsibilities identified within the Commons Act 2006 and falling within the remit of the Committee; and
- (c) the further presentation to be given on this issue to Members of the Council on 27 October 2008.

- 17. Draft Procedures for Member Panels to consider Gating Orders.**  
*(Item. 6- Report by Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership)*

RESOLVED that the draft Procedures be agreed as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes for use by Member Panels in determining Gating Order applications.

- 18. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues**  
*(Item. 7- Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

RESOLVED to endorse the actions taken or contemplated on the respective cases set out in paragraphs 11 to 26 of the report and those contained within Appendices 1 to 3 on pages 27 to 44 of the agenda papers.

### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

#### **(Open Access to Minutes)**

*(Members resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act)*

- 19. Update on Planning Enforcement issues at Four Gun Field, Upchurch**  
*(Item. 9- Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the latest enforcement position concerning the Four Gun Field site, Upchurch.

(2) RESOLVED to endorse the strategy outlined in paragraphs 8 to 15 of the report.

- 20. Update on Planning Enforcement issues at Deal Field Shaw, Charing**  
*(Item. 10- Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the latest enforcement position concerning Deal Field Shaw (Shaw Grange), Charing.

(2) RESOLVED to endorse the enforcement strategy outlined in paragraphs 5 to 7 of the report.

- 21. Update on Planning Enforcement issues at Riverfield Fish Farm, Staplehurst**  
*(Item. 11- Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the County Council's role in the enforcement process at Riverfield Fish Farm, Staplehurst.

(2) RESOLVED to endorse the enforcement stance outlined in paragraphs 4 to 17 of the report.