

**GROWTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
COMMUNITIES CABINET COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 16th September, 2014

10.00 am

**Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall,
Maidstone**



AGENDA

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Ask for: **Christine Singh**
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**Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall,
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Tea/Coffee will be available 15 minutes before the start of the meeting

Membership (13)

Conservative (8): Mr M A Wickham (Chairman), Mr S Holden (Vice-Chairman),
Mr M A C Balfour, Mr A H T Bowles, Miss S J Carey,
Mr J A Kite, MBE, Mr G Lymer and Mr C Simkins

UKIP (2) Mr M Baldock and Mr F McKenna

Labour (2) Mrs E D Rowbotham and Mr R Truelove

Liberal Democrat (1): Mr B E Clark

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UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

A - Committee Business

A1 Introduction/Webcast announcements

A2 Apologies and Substitutes

To receive apologies for absence and notification of any substitutes present

A3 Declarations of Interest by Members in items on the Agenda

To receive any declarations of interest made by Members in relation to any

matter on the agenda. Members are reminded to specify the agenda item number to which it refers and the nature of the interest being declared

A4 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2014 (Pages 7 - 18)

To consider and approve the minutes as a correct record

A5 Verbal updates

To receive a verbal updates from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development and Community Services and the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport including the following:

- North Kent and Thamesgateway Update
- Kent School Games Cultural Celebration

A6 PRESENTATIONS:

- Kent Education Business Partnership - Ann McNulty, Chief Executive
- Proposition on Ashford – John Bunnett, Ashford Borough Council

B - Key or Significant Cabinet/Cabinet Member Decision(s) for Recommendation or Endorsement

B1 Support for Kent Downs and East Kent LEADER Programmes 2015- 2020 (Pages 19 - 24)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, and Community Services; and the Interim Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that gives a background to the activity undertaken to develop a Kent Downs and Marshes Leader Programme bid for funding from the Rural Development Programme for England 2014-2020. It also deals with the opportunity that has arisen to create a new Leader area in East Kent as part of the process which will enable more of the rural parts of the county to benefit from the opportunities provided by external funding.

C - Other items for comment/recommendation to the Leader/Cabinet Member/Cabinet or officers

C1 Planned consultation on the structural options to deliver Kent County Council's Libraries, Registration and Archive Services (Pages 25 - 32)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Corporate Director, Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate that summarises the steps taken so far in the review of Libraries, Registration and Archives as part of phase one of the Facing the Challenge Transformation Programme. It outlines the options that have been considered including benefits and advantages and the outline plan to consult with the public, staff, unions and elected members and all other stakeholders about all the options including our preferred option.

C2 Kent and Medway Growth Strategy (Pages 33 - 36)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, and Community Services; and the Interim Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that explains the process through which it is proposed that the Kent and Medway Growth Strategy will be revised and finalised in the light of recent funding decisions and the wider policy landscape. It also sets out how the Growth Strategy will relate to other county-wide strategies for transport, housing and the environment, which are also to be revised during 2014/15, as well as plans and strategies at District and sub-county level.

C3 Local Growth Fund: Outcomes for Kent (Pages 37 - 42)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, and Community Services; and the Interim Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that sets out the projects which have received funding in Kent, how the outcomes for Kent compare with other parts of the country and the work that is underway to draw down the funding.

C4 Ebbsfleet Garden City UDC (Pages 43 - 52)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, and Community Services; and the Interim Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that provides an update regarding the proposed Ebbsfleet Garden City and Urban Development Corporation. The report principally covers the appointment of the Chairman and the consultation launched by Government in August as well as providing an update on the interim governance arrangements.

D - Monitoring of Performance

D1 Risk Management - Strategic Risks (Pages 53 - 64)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, and Community Services; and the Interim Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that gives an overview of the strategic risks of relevance to the Growth, Economic Development & Communities Cabinet Committee. The paper also explains the management process for review of key risks.

D2 Performance Dashboard (Pages 65 - 76)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, and Community Services; and the Interim Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that shows the progress made against targets set for Key Performance Indicators.

D3 Equality Annual Report (Pages 77 - 124)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, and Community Services and the Interim Corporate Director for Growth Environment and Transport on a position statement for services within the Growth, Environment and Transport (GET) Directorate regarding equality and diversity work and progress on KCC Equality objectives for 2013/14.

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

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Tuesday, 9 September 2014

Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers maybe inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.