

**GROWTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
COMMUNITIES CABINET COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 22nd January, 2015

10.00 am

**Darent Room, Sessions House,
County Hall, Maidstone**

**Please bring your copy of the Draft Budget 2015/16 and
Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/18 to the meeting**





AGENDA

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Ask for: Christine Singh
Telephone: 03000 416687

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 2 December 2014 (Pages 7 - 14)

To consider and approve the minutes as a correct record

A5 Verbal updates

To receive verbal updates from the Cabinet Members for Economic Development and Community Services and the Corporate Director for Economic Development on topics including the following:

- Libraries

A6 PRESENTATIONS:

Proposition on Swale – Kieran Mansfield, Economy and Community Services Manager, Swale Borough Council

Locate in Kent update on inward investment – Paul Wookey, Chief Executive

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

B1 Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/18 (Pages 15 - 50)

To receive a report by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement; the relevant Cabinet Members for the Growth, Economic Development and Communities portfolio and Corporate Directors for Finance and Procurement; and Growth, Environment and Transport that sets out the proposed draft budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2015/18 as it affects the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee. The report includes extracts from the proposed final draft budget book and MTFP relating to the remit of this committee. This report also includes information from the KCC budget consultation, Autumn Budget Statement and provisional Local Government Finance Settlement as they affect KCC as a whole as well as any specific issues of relevance to this Cabinet Committee.

B2 Update on Regional Growth Fund Programmes (Pages 51 - 86)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development that provides an update on the allocation of funds to companies and the monitoring process for all three schemes; Expansion East Kent, Tiger and Escalate.

B3 Rail Capacity in Kent to support Economic Growth (Pages 87 - 94)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport on how Kent County Council (KCC) adopted its principal rail policy with the publication of the Rail Action Plan for Kent in April 2011. This new rail policy initiative, developed primarily to inform the new franchises for the Southeastern and Thameslink networks, was based on the future needs of the county for a rail network which would have sufficient capacity to support economic growth.

B4 Local Growth Fund: Governance and oversight arrangements (Pages 95 - 98)

To receive a report from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport that sets out proposed arrangements for receipt, governance and oversight of the Local Growth Fund allocation. These include the establishment of a Joint Committee for the South East LEP area (referred to as an 'Accountability Board' and a Joint Committee for Kent and Medway. It is proposed Kent County Council shall be a constituent authority of both.

B5 Work Programme 2015 (Pages 99 - 106)

To receive a report by the Head of Democratic Services that gives details of the proposed work programme for the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee

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)

Peter Sass
Head of Democratic Services
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Thursday, 15 January 2015

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.