

**GROWTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
COMMUNITIES CABINET COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 3rd March, 2016

10.00 am

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



AGENDA

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Ask for: **Christine Singh**
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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 A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, 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 12 January 2016 (Pages 7 - 18)

To consider and approve the minutes as a correct record

A5 Verbal updates by Cabinet Members and Corporate Director

To receive verbal updates by the relevant Cabinet Members and Corporate Director for the Growth, Economic Development and Communities portfolio.

A6 PRESENTATION

- University of Kent - Economic Development Role by Mr Marcus Wright, Enterprise Manager, accompanied by Phillippe De Wilde (Pro Chancellor for Research and Innovation).

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

B1 South East Business Boost (Pages 19 - 26)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and the Corporate Director of Growth Environment and Transport that explains the SEBB programme and sets out KCC's role. It seeks the support of the Cabinet Committee for KCC to accept the ERDF grant allocation if it is approved and to use it to fund a business support programme.

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

C1 European Funding Update (Pages 27 - 38)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and the Corporate Director, Growth, Environment and Transport on outcomes from the opening calls for EU-funded projects in support of economic development, growth and jobs, particularly under the South East LEP 'ESIF' programme.

C2 Working together with Kent's Universities: Scoping report (Pages 39 - 46)

To receive a scoping report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and the Corporate Director of Growth Environment and Transport on the development of a strategic approach to KCC's relationship with the universities, identifying the areas in which the Council can work most effectively with the sector.

C3 Proposed Response to the Highways England Consultation on proposed route options for a new Lower Thames Crossing (Pages 47 - 84)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Cabinet Member for Economic Development; and the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport that outlines a proposed response to the Lower Thames Crossing route options consultation launched by Highways England on 26 January.

C4 Growth, Environment & Transport Directorate Business Plan 2016-17 (Pages 85 - 118)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Corporate Director of Growth Environment and Transport that outlines the draft Growth Environment and Transport Directorate Business Plan (2016-2017) for consideration and comment, prior to publication outline in May 2016.

C5 Work Programme 2016 (Pages 119 - 126)

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.

D - Monitoring of Performance

D1 Risk Management: Growth, Environment and Transport (Pages 127 - 152)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that presents the strategic risks relating to the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee, in addition to two risks featuring on the Corporate Risk Register for which the Corporate Director is the designated 'Risk Owner'. The paper also explains the management process for review of key risks.

D2 RGF Programmes and Framework for Monitoring Report (Pages 153 - 166)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development that provides an update on the allocation of funds to companies in the format previously agreed by the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee.

D3 Performance Dashboard (Pages 167 - 176)

To receive a report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cabinet Member for Community Services; and the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport that provides a progress report on performance against target for the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) included in this year's Directorate Business Plans.

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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Wednesday, 24 February 2016

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.

