

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### **SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN KENT COMMISSIONING BODY**

MINUTES of a meeting of the Supporting People Commissioning Body held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on 21 September 2010

#### **Present:**

Ashford Borough Council	Ms T Kerly
Canterbury City Council:	Cllr Mr T Austin and Mr G Peskett
Dartford Borough Council	Mrs A Haines
Dover District Council:	Cllr Mrs S Chandler and Mr P Whitfield
Gravesham Borough Council	Mr W Adetoro
Kent County Council:	Mr M Hill (Chairman of the Commissioning Body)
Maidstone Borough Council	Cllr Mr M Gree and Mr J Littlemore
Sevenoaks District Council	Cllr Mrs C Clark and Mr G Missons
Shepway District Council:	Cllr Mrs K Belcourt and Mr B Porter
Swale Borough Council	Ms A Christou
Thanet D C	Ms L Hemsley
Tonbridge & Malling	Cllr Mrs J Anderson and Mrs J Walton
Tunbridge Wells B C	Mr K Hetherington
Kent Probation:	Mr H Cohn

**Also Present:** Mr M Angell, Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services

#### **KCC Officers:**

Ms A Slaven, KCC Director of Community and Support Services. Ms C Martin, Kent Supporting People Team; Ms U Vann, Kent Supporting People Team, Mr H Manuel, Kent Supporting People Team, Mr D Martinez, CFE, Ms K Grant, Kent Adult Social Services, and Mr G Mills, KCC Democratic Services.

### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

#### **1. Apologies**

*(Item 2)*

Noted.

#### **2. Minutes of meeting - of 24 June 2010 and matters arising**

*(Item 4)*

The minutes of the meeting of the Commissioning Body held on 24 June 2010 were agreed as a true record. Matters arising were dealt with as appropriate.

#### **3. Financial Situation**

Mr Hill said that until the outcomes from the Comprehensive Spending Review were known it would not be possible to begin to assess its likely impact. However it

would be unrealistic to think that the SPCB budget would not be affected in some way and it was agreed, that at the next meeting there would be a report and discussion in the light of the CSR and KCC's expected budget for 2011/12

#### **4. Supporting People Finance Report (Claire Martin)**

*(Item 5 - report by Mrs Angela Slaven – Director of Youth and Community Support Services, Communities)*

(1) As the Communities and Local Government Department had withdrawn funding, the Commissioning Body needed to consider and agree a methodology which would enable the Programme to continue being administered by the Team.

(2) The Supporting People Team had been funded since its implementation by the Communities and Local Government Department (CLG). However the administration grant which amounted to £735,000 was removed in June 2010 although the CLG still expected the Programme to be managed by administering authorities. As a result of this cut in grant the report reviewed the costs required to fund the Supporting People Team and put forward proposals for meeting those costs into the future.

(3) During the course of discussion it was said that whilst it was understood the withdrawal of the administration grant would be difficult nonetheless it presented an opportunity to review the role, structure and future direction of the Programme against a backdrop of reduced resources across the public sector.

(4) Discussion concluded with it being agreed that funding for the Supporting People Team should be met within the expenditure of the designated funding resource in line with other baseline budget management within Kent County Council. However this matter would be discussed again at the meeting in January 2011 when the general budget situation for the Programme could be discussed in the light of the outcomes of the Comprehensive Spending Review.

#### **5. Review of Core Strategy Development Group (Claire Martin)**

*(Item 6 - report by Mrs Angela Slaven – Director of Youth and Community Support Services, Communities)*

(1) This report presented the findings and conclusions of the task and finish group established to review the role and functioning of the Core Strategy Development Group. The report made recommendations on the way forward and presented revised Terms of Reference for agreement by the Commissioning Body.

(2) During the course of discussion it was said and agreed that the local authority membership of the Commissioning Body should, as far as was possible, always comprise of elected council members.

(3) It was also agreed that a review would be undertaken of the Memorandum of Understanding with a report being submitted to the Commissioning Body at its meeting in January 2011.

(4) Following discussion the Commissioning Body:

- (i) endorsed the view on local authority membership as set out in paragraph 5 (2) above;

- (ii) approved the model for the creation of a newly constituted Core Strategy Development Group together with revised Terms of Reference, as detailed in the report; and,
- (iii) requested a report putting forward proposed revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding be submitted to the next meeting.

## **6. Supporting People Achievements (Claire Martin)**

*(Item 7 – report by Mrs Angela Slaven – Director of Youth and Community Support Services, Communities)*

(1) This report set out the achievements of the Kent Supporting People Programme since its inception and commented on the anticipated future direction of travel as agreed in the Kent Five Year Supporting People Strategy 2010/15

(2) Following discussion the Commissioning Body noted the contents of the report

## **7. Commissioning Body and Core Strategy Development Group Work Plan 2010-11**

*(Item 8 report by Mrs Angela Slaven – Director of Youth and Community Support Services, Communities)*

(1) This report detailed how it was proposed the work of the Supporting People Team, Commissioning Body and Core Strategy Development Group would be coordinated over the coming year.

(2) The Commissioning Body agreed the 2010/11 Work plan as presented in the report

## **8. Next meeting to be held Thursday 20 January, Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall**

*(Item 11)*

The next meeting of the Commissioning Body would be held **on Thursday 20 January 2011 at Sessions House, County Hall commencing at 2.00 PM**