

**Core Strategy Group  
Workshop Minutes  
1 September 2014  
Swale 1 Sessions House**

<b>Meeting</b>	Core Strategy Group		
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	1 September 2014	<b>Minutes By:</b>	Pam McConnell Commissioned Services Social Care Health & Wellbeing Directorate – KCC
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Swale Room 1, Sessions House	<b>Job Title:</b>	Senior Administration Officer
<b>Present:</b>			
Diane Wright	DiW	KCC – Head of Commissioned Services Social Care Health & Wellbeing (Chair)	
Melanie Anthony	MA	KCC – Social Care Health & Wellbeing Commissioned Services	
Tracey Kerly*	TK	Ashford Borough Council	
Amber Christou,	AC	Swale Borough Council	
Richard Robinson	RR	Ashford Borough Council	
Alison Haines	AH	Dartford Borough Council	
Ashley Stacey	AS	Thanet District Council	
Satnam Kaur	SK	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	
Jane Rogers	JaR	Representing Kevin Hetherington, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	
<b>Present for part of the meeting*</b>			
<b>Apologies:</b>			
Gary Peskett		Canterbury City Council	
Adrian Hammond		Shepway District Council	
Christy Holden		KCC - Families & Social Care Contracting	
Kevin Hetherington		Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	
Michelle Goldsmith		KCC – Finance Business Partner	
Howard Cohn		Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSS CRC)	

## 1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the group and introductions were made.

## 2. Workshop discussion

2.1 The Chair reminded the group of the presentation by Mark Lobban at the last Commissioning Body meeting and that subsequently the whole of the Supporting people service is now under review looking at:

- Service provision – who and how this is best managed
- Governance – who is best to oversee the running of the services
- Team – KCC to review

2.2 The Chair explained that the some of the client cohorts will fit with main statutory services within Social Care.

2.3 The Chair invited comment, ideas and discussion on future arrangements for:-

- Domestic Abuse
- Offenders
- Substance Misuse
- Gypsies and travellers
- Rough sleepers and Homelessness

2.4 The group were assured that it was KCC's aim to have robust prevention services to reduce the need for statutory services.

2.5 Concerns raised were as follows:-

- What measures would be put in place to ensure that a fundamental pathway is in place to ensure that Prevention services are accessed instead of Statutory?
- How will CLG monies be clearly defined as being spent on housing related support services
- How will performance of delivery be demonstrated in relation to spend?

2.6 In discussing current governance arrangements the group felt that the way forward would be to incorporate the Core Strategy Group into or as a sub group of the Joint Policy and Planning Board (JPPB) with local Health and Wellbeing Boards possibly replacing the Commissioning Body, which would aide Health colleagues in their understanding of the benefits of housing related support services.

2.7 This would then reflect the realignment of budgetary responsibilities across mainstream services and enabling housing related support services outcomes to align with those in Health.

2.8 In reviewing the services the group proposed the following:

- Homelessness – JPPB/Kent Housing Group (KHG)
- Gypsy and Travellers – Unit within KCC
- Domestic Abuse – Community Safety Board (governance)
- Offenders – Reoffending Board

2.9 Questions raised were

- How will duplication of service be avoided
- How do we ensure that coverage is standardised approach through services
- How will they crosscut and dovetail
- What measures will be in place to ensure liaison between services?
- Who will oversee governance within internal structures

### **3. Conclusion**

- concern in separating out services could lead to specialised skills being lost within services and in governance – how will this be managed
- how will a services work in a holistically way and the creation of bottlenecks in care pathways
- assurance in governance responsibilities
- demonstration of outcomes
- how at district level will this been seen to ensure the transparency continues in outcomes and integration
- JPPB is not a legal entity – so unable to commission services. KCC to commissioning with the JPPB responsible for contract monitoring.

### **4. Actions:**

1. DiW to send feedback to the SP review
2. AC to speak to members and request them to formerly write any concerns to the Chair of the Commissioning Body.
3. RR to raise at the next JPPB meeting

### **Dates of Future meetings**

**11 December 2014 2.00pm – 4.00pm Swale Room 1, Sessions House**