

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 5 December 2014.

PRESENT: Mr R J Parry (Chairman), Mr G Cowan, Mrs T Dean, MBE, Mr E E C Hotson, Mr A J King, MBE, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Baldock, Mr A Terry, Mr R H Bird, Mr R A Marsh and Mr M A C Balfour

ALSO PRESENT: Mr M C Dance

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Smith (Director of Economic Development), Ms J Ward (Senior Partnership Officer), Ms B Cooper (Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport) and Ms D Fitch (Democratic Services Manager (Council))

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

62. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2014
(Item A4)

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2014 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

63. Decision 14/00133 - Approval of Equity Investment from the TIGER Fund
(Item B1)

Motion to exclude the press and public

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

1. A Member stated that the background document provided by the Members responsible for the call-in was very detailed in raised important questions. He expressed the view that the report and appendices did not contain sufficient information for the committee to consider the issues raised. He therefore proposed that the s.151 (Chief Finance) Officer be requested to refer the matter to an external auditor and that the Committee receive a report from the auditor in due course.

2. The Committee were informed that this matter was due to be considered by internal audit as part of their planned work programme.

3. Mr Smith was given the opportunity to inform the Committee of the possible consequences of deferring considerations of this decision and therefore its implementation.

RESOLVED that the Section 151 officer be requested to refer decision (14/00133) to the external auditors and that they produce a report-which is to be submitted to this Committee as early as possible in January for consideration.