

**SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL
JOINT COMMITTEE**

3RD JUNE 2010

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS 2010/2011

Report from: Philippa Davies, Clerk to the Committee

Summary

This report sets out administrative arrangements for the 2010/2011 municipal year.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The Constitution for the South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint Committee specifies that the timetable shall be adopted at the Annual General Meeting.
- 1.2 These decisions are not deemed to be Key Decisions and therefore are not subject to the call-in arrangements of the partner authorities.

2. Background

- 2.1 Gravesham, Medway and Swale Councils have all agreed to delegate their respective building control functions to the Joint Committee. This report presents a number of administrative arrangements in connection to the running of the Joint Committee.
- 2.2 The following Members have been appointed to the Committee at the respective Annual Council meetings:

Gravesham
Councillor Mike Snelling
Councillor Bill Dyke

Medway
Councillor Chitty
Councillor Bright

Swale
Councillor Lewin
Councillor John Morris

3. Options

- 3.1 The Constitution for the South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint Committee specifies that the schedule of Meetings shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 The following dates are proposed for the coming municipal year, the venue will be decided at this meeting.

Thursday 16th September 2010*
Thursday 25th November 2010
Thursday 17th March 2011

* Other proposed options are Thursday 23rd September and Thursday 30th September.

4. Proper Officers

- 4.1 At the Annual General Meeting in 2008, the joint Committee was advised of the officers from the Partner Authorities who will, on behalf of the Joint Committee undertake the roles of Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer. These are statutory officers. The purpose of the Monitoring Officer is to ensure the lawfulness and fairness of the Partnership's decisions and the purpose of the S151 Officer is to ensure that proper arrangements are in place for the administration of the financial affairs of the Partnership.

- 4.2 The Joint Committee is asked to note the following appointments:

Monitoring Officer - Michael Hayley, Head of Legal Services,
Gravesham
Deputy Monitoring Officer - Mark Radford, Corporate Services Director,
Swale
S151 Officer - Mick Hayward, Chief Finance Officer, Medway
S151 Officer - Head of Finance, Swale.

- 4.3 The Joint Committee is also requested to select Gravesham Borough Council to provide secretarial support to the joint committee for the next 12 months.

5. Financial and Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 The Joint Committee was established pursuant to powers under:-

Local Government Act 1972 - sections 101, 102, 111, 112 and 113
Local Government Act 2000 - sections 2, 19 and 20
Regulations made under these acts.

- 6.2 The arrangements for this joint committee have been designed to ensure compliance with the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 and the Local Authorities

(Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, which set out the functions that should be carried out by Council (or one of its committee) and functions that can be carried out by the Executive or Cabinet and can be discharged by the Joint Committee and those functions have been delegated by the Partners Authorities' Executives. By law, two elements of the service cannot be executive functions, namely staffing matters and enforcement activity by Development Control, and these have been delegated to the Joint Committee by the Partner Authorities' respective Full Councils.

7. Risk Management

7.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to:

- a) Agree the timetable of meetings for the 2010/2011 municipal year;
- b) Note the appointment of the officers listed in paragraph 4.2 as Monitoring and Deputy Monitoring Officers, and as S151 Officers and;
- c) Agree to select Gravesham Borough Council to provide a secretary to the joint committee for the 2010/2011 municipal year.

Background Papers

None

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