

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 12 January 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS

Membership:

Councillors Sylvia Bennett, Andy Booth (Chairman), Lloyd Bowen (Vice-Chairman), Jackie Constable, John Coulter, Mark Ellen, June Garrad, Mike Haywood, Mike Henderson, Peter Marchington, Prescott, Ben Stokes and Ghlin Whelan.

Quorum = 4

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1. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Substitutes
2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves or their spouse, civil partner or person with whom they are living with as a spouse or civil partner. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

The Chairman will ask Members if they have any interests to declare in respect of items on this agenda, under the following headings:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) under the Localism Act 2011. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DPI, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.
- (b) Disclosable Non Pecuniary (DNPI) under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2012. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DNPI interest, the Member may stay, speak and vote on the matter.

Advice to Members: If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or DNPI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Director of Corporate Services as Monitoring Officer, the Head of Legal or from other Solicitors in Legal Services as early as possible, and in advance of the

Meeting.

3. Minutes

To note the Minutes of the Special meeting of the three Committees which took place on 7 July 2014. The following provides a link to the minutes of that meeting as recorded at Maidstone Borough Council:
<http://services.maidstone.gov.uk/meetings/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=553&Mid=2249&Ver=4>

4. Report of the Joint Mid-Kent Improvement Partnership (MKIP) Task and Finish Group 1 - 52

The chairman of the Task and Finish Group, Councillor Andy Booth of Swale Borough Council, will present the attached report and recommendations of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group which was set up to review the governance and communication arrangements for the Mid-Kent Improvement Partnership.

5. Role of the Mid-Kent Services Director 53 - 56

Paul Taylor, Mid-Kent Services Director, will attend the meeting, to provide an update on his objectives. Zena Cooke, Director of Regeneration and Communities, will also attend, to provide an update on the work of the cross-authority project team, established to undertake an independent review of the Mid-Kent Services Director role.

A copy of the project team's assessment criteria is attached.

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