AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 23 February 2015 Time: 7.00 pm Venue: Council Chamber, Maidstone Borough Council, Town Hall, Middle Row, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1TF

Membership:

Councillors Sylvia Bennett, Andy Booth, Lloyd Bowen, Jackie Constable, John Coulter, Mark Ellen, June Garrad, Mike Henderson, Peter Marchington, Prescott, Ben Stokes and Ghlin Whelan

Quorum = 4

- 1. Apologies for absence and confirmation of substitutes
- 2. Minutes

To note the Minutes of the last special meeting of the three Committees which took place on 12 January 2015.

3. 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

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Solicitors in Legal Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.

4. Mid Kent Improvement Partnership Planning Support

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 (a) Project Implementation Review – Rich Clarke, Head of Audit Partnership will be in attendance to present this report (Appendix I);

(b) **Planning Support Implementation** – Members of the MKIP Board will provide a response to the implementation review (Appendix II)

For information, the membership of the MKIP Board is as follows:

- Councillor Annabelle Blackmore, Leader of Maidstone Borough Council
- Alison Broom, Chief Executive of Maidstone Borough Council
- Councillor Andrew Bowles, Leader of Swale Borough Council
- Abdool Kara, Chief Executive of Swale Borough Council
- Councillor David Jukes, Leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- William Benson, Chief Executive of Tunbridge Wells
 Borough Council

Sandra Fryer, Interim Head of Planning Support Services, will also be in attendance.

(c) **Update on the latest position** – A verbal update will be provided by the MKIP Board and Interim Head of Planning Support Services.

Please note: For background information, a copy of the minutes of the Tri-Cabinet meeting, dated 12 June 2013, is attached. The following is a link to the agenda pack that formed the background to the decision set out in the attached minutes:

http://services.swale.gov.uk/meetings/CeListDocuments.aspx?MID =313&RD=Notice%20of%20Meeting&DF=12%2f06%2f2013&A=1 &R=0

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