

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY LOG OF RECOMMENDATIONS



Cttee	Review title	Rec #	Summary of recommendation	Status	Head of service	Implementation target date	Notes
Scrutiny	MKS Governance and Communications	4	Creation of Mid Kent Services Director post should be considered favourably.	Accepted	A.Kara	Ongoing	Steve McGinnes (the Head of Mid-Kent Revenues and Benefits), has been appointed until a permanent postholder is in place. The recruitment process is being run by Maidstone (who will be line managing the post). Interviews will be taking place on 23 and 24 November.
Scrutiny	MKS Governance and Communications	7	That a toolkit is created to assist managers in their role as internal clients of shared services.	Accepted	A.Kara	Ongoing	This is already happening through the maturing of the Shared Service Boards and the role of the Mid Kent Services Director. A review of the overarching governance document (including moving to the Partnership existing in perpetuity with appropriate break clauses; changing the name of the Partnership from MKIP to MKS; and agreeing new the objectives and strategic priorities) and model collaboration agreement has taken place with those changes being formally approved at a co-located meeting on 4 July 2016. There is now a standard reporting template for co-located meetings, the MKS Board and Shared Service Boards.
Scrutiny	STC Regeneration	1	That Cabinet considers appointing a Scrutiny Committee representative to sit on the Strategic Board to feed into the meeting and ensure that the Scrruity Committee discipline is recognised.	Rejected	E.Wiggins	N/A	Cabinet's response was: "The report to Scrutiny is clear that the governance of the development comprises a Strategic Board and an Operational Board. The Strategic Board is called the "STC Project Board" that meets on a bi-monthly basis, and the operational board is called the "Key Officer Group" that meets on a monthly basis. It is also unclear what 'Scrutiny Discipline' means, and what it is that is lacking at present. Regardless, Cabinet can see no arguments for Scrutiny representation on either of these Boards."
Scrutiny	STC Regeneration	2	That for the next twelve months, there be an update directly from a representative of the Strategic Board at each Scrutiny Committee.	Rejected	E.Wiggins	N/A	Cabinet's response was: "Scrutiny already has the right to request attendance by Cabinet members and relevant officers at its meetings to present or update on matters that are on the aganeda, subject to their reasonable availability. It is therefore for Scrutiny to set its agendas and for Cabinet and relevant officers to attend as they are able to."
Scrutiny	STC Regeneration	3	That a monthly update to questions, in a format to be agreed in conjunction with the Scrutiny Committee Chairman and Policy and Performance Officer, be provided by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration to all Members in the form of a bulletin.	Accepted	E.Wiggins	Ongoing	Cabinet's response was: "Cabinet agree on the principle of regular updating to members, in a standard 'bulletin' format to be agreed. However, monthly updating is not considered reasonable, and instead reporting every two months, shortly after the STC Project Board meeting, is considered to be more practicable. These can be timed to coincide with the regular face-to-face updates for Group Leaders that the Cabinet Member has agreed to continue."
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	1	Promotion and marketing - to commit a minimum of £25,000 to the tourism base budget to allow for substantial marketing and promotion of Swale as a tourist destination	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	2	Promotion and marketing - to agree an objective of growing Swale tourism by 5 – 10% over the next four years	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	3	Promotion and marketing - to consider as part of the future tourism plans the best forms of branding of Swale	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	4	Visitors and local infrastructure - SBC should identify and provide sufficient coach parking in convenient locations to meet the demands of all visitors to Swale	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	5	Visitors and local infrastructure - SBC should work closely with tourist attractions to ensure the Borough has a comprehensive coverage of up to date "brown tourist signs", including on strategic routes	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	6	Visitors and local infrastructure - provision of more local signs	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	7	Visitors and local infrastructure - consideration given to whether the funding of these signs could be supported by SBC, either through a new fund, Member grants, Section 106 grants or a combination of these	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	8	Visitors and local infrastructure - SBC should make sustained efforts to influence KCC Highways and Highways England to fulfil their responsibilities to keep roads clean, and do the same with Network Rail in relation to the approaches to local stations	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	

Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	9	Working with the local tourism sector - that SBC facilitates the establishment of collaborative groups preferably led by the private sector and/or voluntary sector	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	10	Working with the local tourism sector - that SBC establishes a challenge fund of £3,000 to support new activities or events	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	11	Research and intelligence - to conduct a full economic assessment of tourism in Swale. It is understood that this has been arranged to cover 2015 using "Destination Research". This should be repeated strictly every three years which has not recently been met	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	12	Research and intelligence - additionally extra information should be sought from useful reports available on the tourism market	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	13	Research and intelligence - to make contact with several other similar Boroughs to develop a benchmarking programme to seek the best ways of increasing the economic and cultural effects of tourism. A minimum of £2,000 pa should be set aside for research	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	14	Financial and other support to the sector - SBC to proactively assist local tourist organisations to find and bid for grants to increase tourism	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	15	Financial and other support to the sector - consider the creation and promotion of a challenge fund worth around £5,000, subject to future review, which local tourism businesses could bid for	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Scrutiny	Leisure and tourism	16	Financial and other support to the sector - that SBC increases the availability of officer time to ensure the best possible potential achievement of all the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee	Pending	C.Hudson	N/A	
Key to status							
	Pending: Awaiting cabinet decision on whether to accept or reject.						
	Rejected: Recommendation not accepted by cabinet.						
	Accepted: Recommendation accepted, still within target date for implementation.						
	Implemented: Recommendation accepted, implementation complete.						
	Overdue: Recommendation accepted, target date for implementation exceeded.						