

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S GROUP**

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Board
9th October 2007**

**Report Number C/18/07
Overview and Scrutiny Future Role**

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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To consider the role of Overview & Scrutiny following the decision by the Government in July on the future of Local Government in Wiltshire.

2.0 Financial, Staffing, Legal & Risk Implications

2.1 There are no staffing, financial, risk or legal implications arising out of this report.

3.0 Context

3.1 The government made an announcement in July that nine unitary proposals would go ahead. One of these proposals would be the formation of one council in Wiltshire and the deletion of the four district councils.

3.2 As a consequence of this, the implications of both the short and long term future of Kennet are being considered including the priority functions we undertake.

3.3 Wiltshire County Council at its meeting on 21st September considered what the transitional arrangements might be including the role of overview and scrutiny across Wiltshire. It is anticipated that a consultation paper will be available for the meeting.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT; the Board

i) Considers the paper on the future role of Overview and Scrutiny within Wiltshire and makes recommendations on the future role of Overview and Scrutiny at Kennet.

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