

KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held in the Committee Room 2, Browfort, Bath Road, Devizes on Tuesday 23rd October 2007 on the rising of the Council.

PRESENT:

Councillor C P G Hoddinott - Chairman

Councillor S M Dagger

Councillor Mrs E Fogg

Councillor R T Parsons

Councillor Mrs P M Winchcombe

Councillor Mrs S Zweck

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor A Lake

Councillor Mrs L Mayes

Councillor J Seed

PART 1

Items considered whilst the public were entitled to be present

39 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 9th October 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

41 SCRUTINY OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Corporate Services Manager reminded the Board that regardless of the decision by Council to continue to pursue the Judicial Review process regarding unitary status, it was still prudent to continue to work with the other 4 councils to ensure that the best possible arrangements were made should the legal challenge fail.

The Board raised concerns that, because Kennet was the only council in Wiltshire not based on an executive model, it would find it more difficult to engage with the scrutiny of transitional arrangements. The Board also questioned whether Kennet had sufficient staff capacity to support additional scrutiny arrangements. Members expressed the view

that councillors from all 5 councils should avoid a “them and us” approach between the County Council and the District Councils.

RESOLVED

THAT

- a. the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board should seek to fully engage with and support the transitional scrutiny arrangements as set out in the County Council paper.
- b. the Chairman attend a meeting at Wiltshire County Council on 1 November 2007, with either Councillor Parsons or Councillor Mrs Winchcombe as named substitutes if required.

PART 2

Items considered whilst the meeting was closed to the public

None

Chairman
4th December 2007