

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22
FEBRUARY 2017**

Present: Councillor Mrs Ring (Chairman), and
Councillors Barned, M Burton, Joy, D Mortimer, Perry,
Mrs Robertson, Webb and Webster

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

48. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no Substitute Members.

49. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

50. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

51. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures from Members and Officers.

52. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

53. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That all items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

54. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

55. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

56. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - SINGLE EMPLOYING AUTHORITY FOR MID KENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The Mid Kent Environmental Health Manager presented a report on a Single Employing Authority for Mid Kent Environmental Health Service.

The Committee noted that the report proposed the introduction of a single employing authority for staff within the Mid Kent Environmental Health (MKEH) service from 1 June 2017 and recommended that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council became the single employing authority.

The Officer advised that by adopting Tunbridge Wells as the single employing authority for Mid Kent Environmental Health, it provided an opportunity to spread the HR and financial risk amongst all three authorities for the range of shared services.

In response to a question by a Member the Officer advised that the savings in staffing costs had been a result of efficiencies in administration and that there would not be a reduction in the level of service provided to the public.

RESOLVED:

1. That staff within the Mid Kent Environmental Health Service move to a single employing authority from 1 June 2017;
2. That Tunbridge Wells Borough Council becomes the single employing authority for Mid Kent Environmental Health.
3. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Chairman of the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee to finalise the arrangement and sign any documents necessary to implement the decision.

Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

57. DURATION OF MEETING

2 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.