

## **Maidstone Borough Council**

### **Strategic Leadership and Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Monday 12 January 2015**

#### **Role of the Mid-Kent Services Director**

**Report of:** Poppy Brewer, Democratic Services Officer

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At the special co-located meeting of the three Overview & Scrutiny Committees from Maidstone BC, Tunbridge Wells BC and Swale BC on Monday 7 July, it was agreed to set up a joint task & finish group to review the governance and communication of MKIP.
- 1.2 As part of the review the Mid-Kent Services Director, Paul Taylor, provided information to the Task and Finish Group, and it was agreed that Mr Taylor would attend a co-located, simultaneous meeting of the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees to provide an update on his objectives.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Committee are advised to consider the verbal update from Paul Taylor, Mid-Kent Services Director, on his objectives, and Zena Cooke, Director of Regeneration and Communities, on the work of the cross authority Project Team established to undertake an independent review of the Mid Kent Services Director Role.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1 A copy of the project team's assessment criteria is attached at **Appendix i**.

#### **4. Impact on Corporate Objectives**

- 4.1 The Strategic Leadership and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee will primarily consider reports that deliver against the Council priority: 'Corporate and Customer Excellence'.
- 4.2 Seven shared services are delivered under the Mid Kent Improvement Partnership, with five of these services sitting under the directorate of Mid Kent Services. The work of MKIP is therefore vital to ensure delivery of a number of key services and the corporate priorities of each individual authority.



**IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?**

**THIS BOX MUST BE COMPLETED**

Yes

No

If yes, this is a Key Decision because: .....

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Wards/Parishes affected: .....

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