

Witness sessions and papers reviewed

Witness sessions

10 September 2014: Overview of Mid Kent Improvement Partnership and Mid Kent Services

- Paul Taylor, Mid Kent Services Director
- Jane Clarke, Mid Kent Improvement Partnership (MKIP) Programme Manager

3 October 2014: Monitoring and Section 151 Officers

- John Scarborough, Head of Legal Partnership and Monitoring Officer for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Borough Councils
- Nick Vickers, Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer for Swale Borough Council

3 October 2014: Heads of Mid Kent Services

- Rich Clarke, Head of Audit Partnership, Mid Kent Audit Services
- Andy Cole, Head of Mid Kent ICT Services
- John Scarborough, Head of Legal Partnership, Mid Kent Legal Services

3 October 2014: Head of Service (clients)

- Dawn Hudd, Head of Commercial and Economic Development, Maidstone Borough Council

20 October 2014: Mid Kent Improvement Partnership Board members

- Councillor Annabelle Blackmore, Leader of Maidstone Borough Council
- Councillor David Jukes, Leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- William Benson, Chief Executive, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

20 October 2014: Heads of Communication

- Roger Adley, Communications Manager, Maidstone Borough Council
- Adam Chalmers, Democratic and Community Engagement Manager, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

4 November 2014: External focus

- Ed Hammond, Head of Programmes, Local Accountability, Centre for Public Scrutiny
- Paul Corney, Head of Anglia Revenue Partnership
- Dr Wim van Vuuren, Canterbury Christ Church University

20 November 2014: Revenues and benefits

- Steve McGinnes, Head of Mid Kent Revenues and Benefits Partnership

20 November 2014: Mid Kent Improvement Partnership Board Members and Monitoring Officers

- Councillor Andrew Bowles, Leader of Swale Borough Council
- Mark Radford, Director of Corporate Services, Swale Borough Council
- John Scarborough, Head of Legal Partnership and Monitoring Officer Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Borough Councils

20 November 2014: Heads of Service (clients)

- Amber Christou, Head of Housing Services, Swale Borough Council
- Val Green, Head of Organisational Development, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- Dave Thomas, Head of Commissioning and Customer Contact, Swale Borough Council

8 December 2014: Programme and project governance

- Rich Clarke, Head of Audit Partnership, Mid Kent Audit Services

Papers reviewed

- Governance Arrangements – MKIP Shared Services: updated May 2012
- MKIP ICT Collaboration Agreement
- Tri-Borough Review – Critical Friends Board Report to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
- South Thames Building Control Partnership – Screen grab from website and sample agenda and minutes of Joint Committee meeting

- Investigation reports on Political Proportionality and Members Allowances and Options for Strengthening Future Governance Arrangements at the London Borough of Barnet
- MKIP Board - Sample agendas, reports and minutes
- MKIP Shared Service Boards - Sample agendas, reports and minutes