

Terms of Reference - Purpose of review? What are the objectives?

- a) To establish what localism means i.e Devolution vs Localism
- b) How do we deliver better and give value for money within Public Services for the future
- c) How do we achieve Citizen engagement and empowerment that is a central part of the Coalition Government's focus, as it was for the previous Government
- d) To take the LEF forward and how it feeds in and supports the LSP's
- e) To compare the Swale model of community engagement and local empowerment with others across the County

Benefits of the review:

To identify and develop some pivotal strands of work to strengthen the effectiveness of Localism that meets the Government agenda "Big Society", and fully supports our Corporate Plan

Link with Corporate Plan priorities:

- 1. Regenerating Swale
- 4. Becoming a High Performing Organisation

Length of Review / Review to end by?

In-depth Expected number of meetings: 6 End date for final report to Panel: Mid April 2011

Action Plan - Detail the expected outcomes of each Task and Finish Group meeting

DATE – October 2010 – What is localism – how does it differ across the County

DATE – November 2010 – Swale's Review of the LEF's - How is it working? What can be done better?

DATE - December 2010 – Local perspective engagement and empowerment

DATE - January 2011 – Views of the Community & Voluntary Sector

DATE - February 2011 - An overview of Localism & Partnership from KCC and how it is being driven forward – Discuss the reviews and mechanism for influencing LSP's and Corporate Plan

DATE - March 2011 – Prepare draft of findings and make recommendations

Witnesses - Who to invite, what information is needed, questions to ask

Andrew Bowles – Leader SBC and Deputy Cabinet Member for Localism and Patnership
Abdool Kara – CEO of the Swale Borough Council
Pete Raine – Regeneration Director SBC
Parish Council
Town Council
The Community and Voluntary Sector

Documents/research/site visits required?

Dover; Deal; Maidstone

Members of the Task and Finish Group

To be decided