

SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL JOINT COMMITTEE

12 November 2008

10:00 am to 10:40 am

RECORD OF THE MEETING

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Councillor Lewin (Swale Borough Council)
(Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Councillor Warburton (Substitute Member)
(Gravesham Borough Council)

In attendance:

Janine Boughton (South Thames Gateway Building
Control Partnership)
Paula Charker (Medway Council)
James Freeman (Swale Borough Council)
Sarah Kilkie (Gravesham Borough Council)
Anthony Law (Medway Council)
Tony Van Veghel (South Thames Gateway
Building Control Partnership)
Kevin Woolmer (Medway Council)

435 RECORD OF THE MEETING

The record of the meeting held on 25 September 2008 was signed by the Chairman as correct.

436 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs Chitty (Medway Council) (Chairman), Councillor Dyke (Gravesham Borough Council), Councillor Morris (Substitute Member (Swale Borough Council) and Stephen Gaimster (Medway Council).

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437 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

**438 SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL BUSINESS PLAN
2009/2010**

Discussion:

This report provided details of the draft South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership's Business Plan for 2009/2010.

The Business Plan outlined how the building control function would be delivered for the three partner Councils. This included details of the statutory and discretionary functions to be carried out together with a list of priorities that would need to be addressed throughout the year. It also included an analysis of the likely markets and workload over the area.

The report provided details of the approval process for the Business Plan. Members were advised that as a consequence of the initial consultation process the plan had been revised, with the inclusion of a process by which set up contributions would be repaid. Surpluses derived from commercial consultancy would be divided, proportionally, to the partner authorities and deducted from that authority's annual budgetary contribution. This would continue until the original 'set up contributions' had been repaid.

During the discussion of this item, it was agreed that the plan would be revised further to update the accommodation details, reflecting that the STG Partnership was now based at the Compass Centre, Chatham Maritime and to identify who was responsible for the future direction objectives set out in section 2.8.5 of the plan. Members also requested that a footnote was added to the budget table in section 6 of the plan, highlighting that the opportunity for the Partnership to become a local authority company would be investigated and to include details of the accommodation costs.

The Director of the South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership agreed to extend the offer for a presentation on the STG Partnership to all the partner authorities, which could be repeated on an annual basis.

The draft would now be submitted to partner authorities for their final

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approval.

Decision:

The Joint Committee approved the revised Business Plan, as attached to the report and subject to the revisions outlined, and agreed to refer it to the Executive of each Partner Authority for approval.

Reasons for decision

The Constitution of the Joint Committee requires approval of the Business Plan for the following year by the Cabinet of each Partner Authority.

Chairman

Date

Anthony Law

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