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Major Working in Partnership – Potential for Financial/Reputational Risk

Definition - Joint working (non contractual) between two or more organisations, towards achieving a shared goal, where there is potential for either financial or reputational risk for the Council

Major Partnership	Dates: Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
DARTFORD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Set up in 2020 following dissolution of Dartford & Gravesham CSP	DBC, KCC, Police, KF&RS, DGS CCG, Kent & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Service (Probation) - Statutory Partners. There are many others who work to support aims – including Change Grow Live, Addaction, OPCC, Victim Support	Director of Housing & Public Protection	To create a safer, cleaner place to live, work and socialise	Brings together key local partners at strategic level underpinned by tactical and operational joint working Monitors emerging threats, and creates the annual Community Safety Plan accordingly.	Reputational if targets not delivered. Funding streams may reduce in current climate.

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DARTFORD HEALTH ACTION TEAM		KCC Public Health, DGS CCG, DBC	Healthy Lifestyle Coordinator	Local group focussed on health inequalities, the preventative agenda and joint initiatives		The annual SLA with Kent Public Health covers Choosing Health funding for projects delivered by Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator and Living Well. Failure to meet targets may result in suspension of funding.
JOINT WORKING • Audit • Revs and Bens • Reprographics • Insurance • Procurement • Website	2008	DBC; GBC; TMBC; SDC	Chief Officer & Director of Corporate Services	To deliver service and activities under shared management arrangements	Efficiencies and improved services based on best practice	Low

Major Partnership	Dates: Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
KENT LEADERS And Kent Joint Chief Executives Group And Ambition Boards: and other Working Groups	2010	KCC, District Councils,	Leader and Chief Officer & Director of Corporate Services	To achieve the vision for Kent	Partners working together, with local actions contributing to common aims	Reputational as failure to meet agreed targets.
KENT AND MEDWAY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP		Chaired by the private sector and made up of 21 members, 11 business representatives, 8 local authority leaders and one representative from higher and further education	Director of Growth & Community	To drive forward economic growth and prosperity throughout the Kent and Medway region. It is one of the 4 partnerships which comprise the SELEP	Considers strategic economic investment priorities through funds such as the Single Local Growth Fund, European Structural and Investment funds and other public funding sources that become available	Potential for loss of funding and non-delivery of economic growth targets

Major Partnership	Dates: Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
KENT & MEDWAY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP (KMSEP)	2012	DBC, Medway, ALL Kent districts, KCC, Public Health, Police, KFRS, voluntary sector reps, the National landlords association and local business representatives	Director of Housing & Public Protection	To drive the Energy Efficiency agenda in the County. The partnership is working to establish the best deal for Kent residents and businesses from grant from energy companies and other grants to install energy efficiency measures. Discuss technical and strategic advice and in order to assist in the development of retrofit projects in Kent and Medway. This includes improvement relating to procurement and contracting, funding and finance, technical issues, events and conferences	The partnership is working to provide the best offer for the residents, landlords, SMEs of Kent and maximise economic and environmental benefit.	Reputational. Impact of grant received if handled badly. Governance arrangements in place.

Major Partnership	Dates: Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
SOUTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (SELEP)		East Sussex, Essex, Kent, Medway, Thurrock & Southend	Director of Growth & Community	To determine the strategic and economic priorities across East Sussex, Essex, Kent, Medway, Thurrock and Southend	Making investments and delivering activities to drive growth and create local jobs	If the partnership does not deliver against its targets, then the planned economic development across the South East may not be delivered and future funding streams may be affected

Major Partnership	Dates: Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
GREATER NORTH KENT	April 2021	Medway Council, Gravesham Borough Council, Swale District Council, Dartford Borough Council and Maidstone District Council. DBC is currently the accountable body.	Director of Growth and Community	Draft – pending away day on 9 September To create the best conditions to attract investment and infrastructure and create economic growth across North Kent	Brings North Kent LAs together at a strategic level to champion the region.	Reputational if unsuccessful in attracting investment and delivering sustainable economic growth
KENT STRATEGIC FREIGHT PARTNERSHIP		KCC, Department of Transport, Highways England, Environmental Agency, Kent MPs, Kent Police, Kent districts	Director of Housing and Public Protection/ Director of Growth & Community	To address strategic freight issues across the County, including Operation Stack, provision of lorry parking, HGV routing	Brings key partners together at a strategic level to address the negative impacts of road freight to the County	Potential for reputational risk. Impact on economic growth of the County if freight movement issues are not adequately addressed

Major Partnership	Dates: Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
FASTRACK ADVISORY BOARD		Chaired by KCC Transport Portfolio Holder, comprises Dartford and Gravesham Leaders and Chief Executives and senior Fastrack officers from Kent	Head of Planning	To use influence and knowledge of the Members of the group to inform decisions with respect to the delivery of all aspects of the Fastrack programme. Also continues the work previously picked up by the Kent Thameside Strategic Transport Programme Steering Group	Championing the development of the Fastrack network, assisting in a common vision amongst partners and jointly identifying additional resources	Reputational if the Fastrack network does not deliver on its objectives
C2E EXECUTIVE BOARD		Chaired by Bexley CE, comprises CEs from Dartford, Gravesham, EDC, TGKP, KCC Executive Director, officers from GLA, TfL	Director of Growth and Community	To champion the case for a Crossrail extension from Abbey Wood to Ebbsfleet. Agree actions to develop the case for Crossrail, including the preparation of a Business Case.	Facilitates a joint approach to housing delivery with supporting transport infrastructure across Bexley, Dartford, EDC and Gravesham.	Reputational and financial if the case is unsuccessful and new housing development is not appropriately supported by transport infrastructure

Minor Working in Partnership – Low Risk

Definition - Joint working (non contractual) between two or more organisations, towards achieving a shared goal, where the potential for financial and reputational risk for the Council, is low.

Minor Partnership	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
EXCELLENT HOMES ACTIVE LIVES PFI PROJECT		KCC, DBC	Head of Housing Housing Policy & Development Manager	To provide units of high quality extra care accommodation	Nomination rights	Low now completed and units let
BETTER HOMES ACTIVE LIVES PFI PROJECT		KCC, DBC & Sevenoaks DC and other districts	Head of Housing Housing Policy & Development Manager	To provide units of high quality extra care accommodation.	Nomination rights	Low now completed and units let.
CIVIL CONTINGENCIES & EMERGENCY PLANNING - KENT COUNCILS MUTUAL AID	2007 2010	KCC, Medway Council, Kent District Councils	Enforcement & Regulatory Services Manager/ Enforcement Manager	To provide resources to other emergency responders when beyond a single Council's capability and to receive resources when needed.	Provides support and assurance to the Council, if response beyond our own capability and capacity.	That a large emergency covers most Districts and the resource to assist is not available. SLA.
DARTFORD CAB	2008	Outside body affiliated to the national network of Citizens Advice Bureaux	Leisure and Communities Officer	Voluntary sector organisation providing advice and support to local residents	Delivery of advice service	SLA in place

Minor Partnership	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
DARTFORD & GRAVESHAM ADVICE FORUM		KCC Adult Services, Job Centre Plus, DBC, GBC, Pensions Services, RSLs, Tree Community Forum, Neves Scott Solicitors + others	Benefits Training & Quality Officer	Exchange of info re legislation and structural/ organisational change for main stakeholders, sharing of best practice	Better coordination and linkages between various agencies involved with individual customers	None
DARTFORD & SEVENOAKS BENEFITS ADVICE FORUM		YMCA Thames Gateway, KCC, RSLs, CAB and Places for People	Benefits Manager	Exchange of information re legislation and structural/ organisational change for main stakeholders, sharing of best practice	Better coordination and linkages between various agencies involved with individual customers	None
DARTFORD & GRAVESHAM HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY (HIA) previously Care and Repair Scheme	1994	DBC, Gravesham BC, KCC, Hyde – ‘in touch’ Support Ltd	Senior Private Sector Housing Officer	To assist owner occupiers or private tenants who are 60+ or disabled, or on low incomes to repair/adapt their homes.	Maintains reliable builders’ lists and provides agency services including surveying & design services, handyperson, security measures, benefits advice – joint procurement of a service	Low

Minor Partnership	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
DARTFORD VULNERABILITY FORUM		DBC, Kent Police (Drugs Liaison Officers, Prevent Officer, Youth Justice Team, Gangs Officer, Mental Health Officer, Modern Slavery Co-ordinator), KFRS, KCC (Wardens, Public Health, Education, Social Care), CCG, Porchlight, CGL, YMCA, British Transport Police, Victim Support, North Kent Mind	Enforcement & Regulatory Services Manager	Facilitate the sharing of information in order to ensure that partners are equipped to tackle current and emerging safeguarding threats, and that value is added to the work of each organisation through joined-up thinking	Prevents silo working which duplicates efforts and leads to flaws in the knowledge of each organisation through an incomplete intelligence picture	While the group aims to encourage legitimate information sharing, there is a need to ensure that this is covered by a legal power and complies with the principles of information sharing
DARTFORD VULNERABILITY AND ORGANISED CRIME PANEL	2017	DBC, Kent Police, KCC, North Kent Mind, Porchlight, KFRS	Enforcement & Regulatory Services Manager	To assist the Community Safety Plan in supporting vulnerable communities and individuals by tackling forms of Anti-Social Behaviour and organised crime including human trafficking/modern day slavery, gangs and child sexual exploitation	Works in partnership to effectively provide support and reassurance to victims and vulnerable communities	While the group aims to encourage legitimate information sharing, there is a need to ensure that this is covered by a legal power and complies with the principles of information sharing

Minor Partnership	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
EBBSFLEET PLANNING LIAISON GROUP	2015	DBC, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation, KCC, Gravesham Council	Head of Planning/Plann ing Policy Manager/ Development Manager	To ensure effective working between EDC and the LAs on strategic planning and infrastructure matters	Liaison, information- sharing, joint preparation of planning policy documents	Low – provides forum to discuss and agree on potential matters of conflict/disagreement
GROUNDWORK KENT AND MEDWAY	2007 2011	Outside body	Leisure and Communities Officer	Voluntary organisation supporting environmental and community development	Attracts external funding to the Borough and supports project development and delivery	Low – overseen by Trustees. SLA.
HOUSING COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND		Resident Forum Reps & Housing	Head of Housing	To allocate funding to local projects	Fund one off projects for benefits of tenants.	Low
KENT CONNECTS	2001	KCC, DBC, and all District Councils in Kent, Medway Unitary Council; Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent Police	Head of IT & Transformation	To put in place a fully connected ICT-based infrastructure throughout the county, linking existing partner systems and building for the future requirements of each partner organisation.	Enable and encourage joined- up and joint working and facilitate single access point and seamless provision of services to end customers.	Low – provides managed network to agreed specification.

Minor Partnership	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
KENT COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (previously Kent Active Sports Partnership)	1999	DBC, KCC, Sport England, Medway Council + 11 other district/borough councils in Kent, Kent Cricket Board, Kent RFU, Kent Football Assn, Kent Netball, Kent Basketball, Kent Athletics, Kent Hockey	Leisure and Communities Officer	To help all young people in Kent with the ability and desire to improve their sporting skills through a co-ordinated programme that will provide access to organised sport.	Attracts Sport England lottery revenue funding and specialist sport-specific support into the Borough.	Low
KENT ENVIRONMENT CHAMPIONS GROUP	2012	LA's and Partners	Director of Housing & Public Protection	To drive environmental improvement		Low
KENT EQUALITY COHESION COUNCIL (previously North West Kent REC)		Outside body	Community Services Manager	Promote racial equality in North West Kent	Assistance to Council in promoting equal opportunities.	Low
KENT ESTATES PARTNERSHIP	2016	Public sector partners from across Kent	Director of Growth & Community	To create an integrated, flexible and affordable public estate	Underpins and enables the efficient delivery of social and economic outcomes for the whole county by getting more from the collective estate	Low

Minor Partnership	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
KENT HOMECHOICE (PAN KENT CBL)		Representatives from all Districts and Housing Associations in Kent	Housing Solutions and Private Sector Manager	To deliver a Pan Kent CBL system that simplifies the process, and provides consistency and aids mobility across Kent.	A joint working initiative that delivers benefits to our residents and tenants when they are seeking to access social housing.	Low – now fully operational and working well
KENT RESILIENCE FORUM	2005 ongoing	All Category 1 and 2 responders in Kent	EARS Manager/ Enforcement Manager	To provide resilience to identified risks through a control and command structure in Kent as required by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004	To provide an agreed and tested response to emergencies.	Low – individual partners deliver actions individually or coordinated. Governance arrangements in place
KENT RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP – MEMBERS BOARD And Officer Advisory Group and Project Groups		KCC and all District Councils	Director of Housing & Public Protection Waste & Parks Manager	To work in partnership across Kent to deliver an effective waste management service	To achieve Government and European targets for recycling, composting, waste reduction and reduction of landfill etc.	Low – individual partners deliver actions. Funding held by KCC. Governance arrangements in place.

Minor Partnership	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	Risks
DARTFORD CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD (Previously LOCAL CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD) Also known as LOCAL CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP GROUP	2008 2009 2010 2016	Partnership bringing together schools, Dartford BC, KCC services for children & young people incl. children's specialist social services, education and early help, DGS CCG, , Police, KFRS	Director of Housing & Public Protection	Identify Dartford issues around young people	To improve outcomes for children and young people through a targeted multi-agency delivery plan.	Low - partnership led by the County Council. Governance arrangements in place.
NORTH KENT DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM		Gravesham and Dartford Community Safety Officers, KCC Social Services, DBC and GBC Housing Officers, Kent Police, Dartford and Gravesham Women's Aid (Choices), NHS Health Visitors, Porchlight, Change Grow Live, Rethink, Specialist DA service providers	Housing Solutions and Private Sector Manager	Raise awareness and increase the reporting of domestic violence. To improve services and support to victims; and opportunities for perpetrators to reform.	Multi-agency working enables sharing of best practice and information on resources available to deliver support available to victims, and rehabilitation to perpetrators.	CSP Priority. Failure to develop an appropriate response and display leadership in co-ordinating local services could pose a reputational risk.

GROUP			Services	finance related matters	practice and latest government guidance and its application.	
KENT PLANNING OFFICERS GROUP		All Head of Planning in Kent, Medway and EDC as well as KCC representative	Head of Planning	To work in partnership across Kent and Medway to deliver better Planning Services	To share knowledge, best practice and latest government guidance and its application. To hear presentations on relevant initiatives	Low. Reputational if Dartford performance and practices are not keeping up with neighbouring authorities
KENT PLANNING POLICY FORUM		Planning Policy Managers in Kent and Medway and KCC representative	Planning Policy Manager	To identify joint issues and develop common approaches to local plan preparation, policy issues and strategic planning matters	To share knowledge, best practice and latest government guidance and its application in relation to planning policy matters. To prepare joint responses, where relevant, to regional or national issues of common concern	Low. Reputational if Dartford's practices with respect to policy and plan preparation are not following best practice
KENT DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS OFFICERS GROUP		Development Management Heads in Kent and Medway and KCC	Development Manager	To identify joint issues and develop common approaches to Development Management issues	To share knowledge, best practice and latest government regulations and guidance and its application in relation to Development	Low. Reputational if Dartford's practices with respect to Development Management are not following best practice

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External Working Groups

External working group	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	
BLUEWATER COMMUNITY FORUM		Community groups in Dartford and Gravesham, Groundwork Trust Bluewater management, Land Securities, Police, other service providers, Dartford Council planning and community safety officers	Planning Policy Team Leader	To share information in pursuit of achieving benefits for the local community from regeneration	Dissemination of information throughout the local community, increasing knowledge of Council activity, as well as Council getting better understanding of community needs to feed into the planning process	
BLUEWATER EMERGENCY PLANNING	2005	Bluewater, Police, F&RS, NHS, Ambulance, DBC, KCC	Enforcement & Regulatory Services Manager/ Enforcement Manager	To be specifically aware of risks associated with these local sites and threats	To be able to integrate into the agreed response at these sites	
CONTAMINATED LAND FORUM	1999	KCC, Environment Agency, University of Greenwich, Kent Local Authorities	Environmental Health Scientific Officer	To facilitate a co-ordinated approach to dealing with contaminated land in Kent	Establishes links between the relevant enforcement agencies, allows sharing of ideas, problems, solutions	
DARTFORD RIVER CROSSING EMERGENCY PLANNING	2006	DRC, HA, Kent & Essex Police, F&RS, PCT, Ambulance, Thurrock, DBC	Enforcement & Regulatory Services Manager/ Enforcement	To be specifically aware of risks associated with these local sites and threats	To be able to integrate into the agreed response at these sites	

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DISTRICT COUNCILS NETWORK		Cross party member led network of all 201 district councils in England	Leader/Chief Officer & Director of Corporate Services	To provide a national voice for district councils within the Local Government Association	Lobbying of central government, political parties and other stakeholders; commissioning research; providing support and sharing best practice	
EQUINE WORKING GROUP		DBC, RSPCA, Police, KCC Wardens, British Horse Society, Landowners	Animal Control Officer	Ad-hoc forum to discuss policy and procedures relating to illegal grazing	Build on examples of good practice. Access to specialist staff	
KENT & MEDWAY AIR QUALITY PARTNERSHIP	1992	KCC, All Kent Local Authorities	Environmental Health Scientific Officer	To facilitate a coordinated approach to local air quality management in Kent	Assists in promoting the need for a corporate and consistent approach and improves consultation between the DEFRA Regional Air Quality Co-ordinators Group and the Kent local authorities	

External working group	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	
KENT & MEDWAY SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP	2012	All Kent Local Authority SAG Chairs, KRF, KCC Highways, Kent Police, K&MFRS	Enforcement & Regulatory Services Manager	To enable a professional, joint approach to ensure event safety is improved on a County basis	Avoids duplicity and enables the sharing of lessons learnt and best working practices	
KENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP	1998	All Kent Local Authorities	Environmental Promotions Officer	To provide a coordinated approach for energy conservation in Kent	Enables bulk discount schemes and grant application opportunities on behalf of Kent residents	
KENT JOINT PLANNING BOARD FOR HOUSING	1995	KCC Social Services, Kent Local Authorities, Health, Probation	Housing Solutions and Private Sector Manager	To enable the provision of supported accommodation for special needs clients	Enables Kent authorities to jointly plan provision and develop Kent-wide policy for vulnerable groups	
MAST (Major Strategic Transport Group)	2016	EDC, DBC, GBC, KCC, HE, HS1, Land Securities, LRCH	Head of Regeneration	To share information about strategic transport schemes and development in and around the Ebbsfleet area and agree joint priorities for future investment	Enables co-ordination of projects and common support for identified priorities	That transport investment will be focused on the Ebbsfleet area to the detriment of required infrastructure outside the EDC area

External working group	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	
NORTH KENT HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	2003	Hyde Housing Group, Moat Housing Group, London & Quadrant Housing Group, Town and Country Housing Group, Orbit Housing, Circle Housing Group, the Homes and Communities Agency, DBC, Gravesham BC, Swale BC, Medway Council	Housing Policy & Development Manager	To enable the provision of affordable housing in the Borough	Provides a framework for improved coordination of funding programmes and planning of housing developments between the Council, the Homes and Communities Agency and RSL partners. Flexible partnership enables other RSLs to delivery affordable housing where necessary.	
NORTH KENT PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP	2011	North Kent planning authorities, KCC, Natural England, Kent Wildlife Trust	Policy Planner	To discuss and develop a common approach to environmental issues which cross borough boundaries. Develop common evidence based on these matters	Efficiencies in preparing evidence based on strategic environmental issues. Meeting statutory obligations in respect of joint response to cross-boundary issues	

External working group	Dates:- Start & Review	Parties	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	
UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT WORKING PARTY		KCC, Police, All Kent local authorities DBC no longer attends, but receives minutes (when the group meets)	Enforcement Manager	Forum to develop coordinated approach to dealing with illegal encampments and traveller related activity	Examples of good practice. Developing a coordinated and unified approach	
UPPER THAMES OIL POLLUTION GROUP	2003	PLA, GBC, DBC, EA, KCC	Enforcement and Regulatory Services Manager Enforcement Manager	To meet the agreed expectations and to respond to an oil pollution incident affecting the foreshore of the River Thames	Integrate response on shore and on water. To have common plans and to facilitate the statutory training required of oil pollution officers and beach masters	
WEST KENT JOINT MANAGEMENT GROUP (DISABLED ADAPTATIONS)	1992	KCC, DBC, Sevenoaks DC, Tonbridge and Malling BC, Maidstone BC, Tunbridge Wells BC, Gravesham BC, Tonbridge and Malling HA, Hyde 'in touch' Support Ltd (HIA), Health Authority, User Groups. Overview of local authority performance re disabled adaptations	Senior Private Sector Housing Officer	To maintain a strategic overview of equipment and adaptation services for disabled persons in the West Kent social services area	Allows for consideration of new legislation, best practice, training needs/opportunities and monitoring of activity and expenditure	

DBC Liaison Groups

Liaison Group	Dates:- Start & Review	Groups	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	
DARTFORD YOUTH COUNCIL		Wilmington Grammar School for Girls (4); Wilmington Grammar School for Boys (4); Wilmington Hall (4); Leigh Academy (3); Dartford Technology School (4); Dartford Girls Grammar School (4); Dartford Grammar School for Boys (4); Ebbsfleet Academy (4); Longfield Academy (2); Highfield Youth Centre (2); Longfield Youth Centre (2)	Project and Events Officer	The Dartford Youth Council aims to provide a means of two way communication between Dartford Borough Council and the young people who live, work and go to school in the Dartford Borough.	Engaging young people to participate in community development and citizenship issues.	
FRIENDS OF DARENTH COUNTRY PARK	2000	DBC officers and members, Arrow Riding Centre, PSU, Groundwork, Darenth and Bean Parish Council, Residents Groups	Waste and Parks Manager	To advise and assist with the running of the park	Listen to users' views and requests, coordinates activities, and supports volunteers which reduces budgetary needs, involves residents and users giving a sense of involvement and voice. Disseminates information.	

Liaison Group	Dates:- Start & Review	Groups	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	
FRIENDS OF DARTFORD HEATH	2000	DBC officers and members, Police, Fire Service, local residents, heath users and volunteers	Waste and Parks Manager	To advise on the running of the park and act as a forum between users/ organisations	Listen to users' views and requests, coordinates activities, and supports volunteers which reduces budgetary needs, involves residents and users giving a sense of involvement and voice. Disseminates information.	
FRIENDS OF HESKETH PARK	2000	DBC officers and members, Police, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, local residents and park users	Waste and Parks Manager	To advise on the running of the park and act as a forum between users/ organisations	Listen to users' views and requests, coordinates activities, and supports volunteers which reduces budgetary needs, involves residents and users giving a sense of involvement and voice. Disseminates information.	

Liaison Group	Dates:- Start & Review	Groups	Contact Officer	Aims	Added Value/Benefits	
JOINT TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS INVOLVEMENT LIAISON GROUP And DARTFORD BOROUGH TENANTS & LEASEHOLD FORUM		Reps of Tenants and Leaseholders Forum and DBC	Head of Housing	To form a constituted borough wide tenants and leaseholders consultative group	Gives the opportunity for forum members to gain knowledge about the Council and its partners and to develop its own action plan.	

Committees set up under the Local Government Act 1972

ELTHAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE		DBC, LB Greenwich, LB Bexley	Financial Services Manager	To lay down policy for the operation of Eltham Crematorium	Provision of cremation services to Dartford residents	Low – joint committee oversees.
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