

Portfolio Holder Areas of Responsibility

Cllr Hogarth – Portfolio Holder for Economic and Community Development

Lesley Bowles: Chief Officer Communities and Business

- Community Grants
- Community Plan
- Health
- Leisure
- Economic Development
- Regeneration
- Tourism
- West Kent Partnership

Key issues and future challenges:

- Supporting existing efforts and finding new ways to improve Broadband, particularly in the rural areas
- Producing and delivering an Economic Development Strategy & Action Plan that helps to attract new businesses to the District, encourages existing business to stay in the District, promotes tourism and makes the District a desirable place to do business.
- Finding a long-term solution to the replacement or refurbishment of Whiteoak Leisure centre that is affordable and meets local needs.
- Ensuring that Members' priorities are addressed through Health & Wellbeing Boards and that external funding for health improvement is maintained.

Richard Wilson: Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services

- Building Control
- Emergency Planning and Business Continuity
- Markets
- Parking Services
- Street Naming and Numbering
- Land Charges

Key issues and future challenges:

- Accepted Market Tender for Swanley £62,000 less than Income budget
- Assessment of demand on Sevenoaks Town Centre parking following Marks and Spencer development

- Scrutiny Members Parking Group
- Emergency plan to be reviewed
- Business Continuity Plan to be reviewed and replaced with a Business Continuity Management System

Pat Smith: Chief Housing Officer

- West Kent Leader Programme

Key issues and future challenges:

- Continuing to deliver the programme in partnership with TMBC and TWBC with SDC as the accountable body whilst compiling a bid for a further 5 years
- Supporting the Executive local action group working with members of rural organisations