



COUNCIL – 16 October 2012

**Report by Leader of the Council**

This is my report to Council on the work undertaken by the Leader and the Cabinet in the period 13 July 2012 to 12 October 2012. I am listing below the agenda items discussed since Members will have received the minutes of those meetings.

**Modern Local Government Group – 11 July 2012**

- The Localism Act 2011 – the new Standards Regime
- Amendments to the Constitution

**Council – 24 July 2012**

- Standard items only

**Electoral Arrangements Committee – 11 September 2012**

- Community Governance Review

**Cabinet – 13 September 2012**

- Financial Prospects report
- Business Rate Retention
- Planning Policy Team Leader (Maternity Cover): Appointment of Consultant
- Strategy for Under-Occupation in the Social Sector
- London Road, Sevenoaks – Update

**The work of the Leader – Meetings held and attended:**

**13 – 31 July**

- Meeting of Shadow Police and Crime Panel
- Altered Art Exhibition for Sevenoaks Area Mind
- Sevenoaks Town Forum
- West Kent Partnership
- Meeting with Voluntary Action West Kent

**August**

- Roundtable Local Government Association, Solace and LGcomms
- Media briefing Council Tax Benefit Localisation

- Meeting with IRP
- Olympic Touch Relay thank you event

### **September**

- Stewarding Paralympics Road Cycling at Brands Hatch
- Ambition Board 2 meeting Kent County Council
- Improvement & Innovation Board Meeting Local Government Association
- District Council Network Executive meeting
- Local Government Association Executive
- Chaired "Doing the Duty" - using the Equality Framework conference
- Visit Kent 10th anniversary
- Meeting with Auditors
- Kent Leaders away day

### **October**

- Sevenoaks Rail Traveller Association Annual General Meeting
- Bradbourne Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) 50th Anniversary
- West Kent Debt Advice
- South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) Executive