



**Kent LINK External Representatives
Meeting Report**

Name of LINK Representative	Mike Eddy
Name of External Organisation	Dover District Council
Name of External Group	Health and Wellbeing Board
Name of lead contact of External Group	Michelle Farrow
Date of Meeting	12 September 2011
Venue of Meeting	Council Offices, Whitfield, Dover
Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)	<p>The meeting was the first in a promised series for voluntary sector bodies to learn about and engage in Dover District Council's proposals for a pilot Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) at District Council level.</p> <p>There were three main scene setting presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jointly from Sheila Pitt (Locality Director, NHS Eastern and Coastal) and Caroline Davis of Kent County Council (KCC) 2. Councillors Roger Gough and Graham Gibbens (KCC) and Councillor Sue Chandler (Dover District Council) 3. Roger Kendall and Tish Gailey on the LINK's transition to HealthWatch. <p>This was followed by a questions and answers session with attendees asking about further details of the purpose of the meeting; how the Dover HWB would be made up, how it would operate and how be held accountable. Answers were, perhaps unsurprisingly, woolly, though it was stated that the Dover HWB would follow the statutory Kent HWB but was not bound by those rules.</p> <p>From the tone of a lot questions, it was clear that the voluntary sector was cautious about the degree of involvement its representatives would have and about the added value that the Dover HWB would bring.</p>

Recommendations / Actions eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items for LINK bulletin • Items for individual interest group • Issue to Priorities Panel / Governors' Group 	It was helpful to get a view of what was being proposed but there needed to be a lot more work on how the Dover HWB would work, how it would relate to the Kent HWB and what work it would actually do. At least one organisation, whose funding was coming to an end at the end of this year, made a pitch to be the voluntary sector's representative on the Dover HWB. Further infighting may be expected. HealthWatch will have a seat at the table of the Kent HWB but there is no clear indication that it is intended that our successor will have one on the Dover HWB, which will make the task of the HealthWatch representative at county-level more difficult.
Date of Next Meeting	2 November 2011

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