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Attachment 2

Kent LINK Project Management

Since the Governors' Group meeting held on 19 March 2009, I have received comments from two other members, both of which were broadly supportive of the approach set out in the paper circulated following that meeting. I am assuming that those members who did not comment are, in principle, comfortable with the approach.

It was suggested that the process could be further simplified. While I am sympathetic to the principle of reducing any process to an acceptable minimum, I do have concerns on issues such as about the need to ensure separation between those who initiate a project and those who carry it out, the need to take account of risk, and to reserve the position of this group to provide guidance on aspects of project management.

I did not receive a steer on whether cost or other issues should influence the level of information and / or degree of supervision required in respect of a particular project. I believe that this is an important issue, because it bears directly on how accessible or otherwise LINK support will be to the community. In passing, it is worth pointing out that in accordance with the approved decision making and priority setting process, only the Priorities Panel has authority to approve the initiation of a Kent LINK project. This may need to be revisited.

There is a need to consider these and other issues in developing the Kent LINK approach on project management into a workable and flexible format. In my view, this can be most expeditiously achieved by involving people outside this group. I would propose that say, two other Governors work with myself, KMN field staff and other LINK appointees as they come on board, to carry things forward. Progress report would be a standing item on this Group's agenda.

I would ask that the Governors' Group:

- approve in principle the approach on project management set out in my paper of 19 March 2009
- nominate two other Governors to work with the Host and other LINK appointees to further develop the process.

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