

# ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

## EXPLORING THE MERGER OF THE FIVE EAST KENT DISTRICT COUNCILS

Responsibility: Leader of the Council

Report of: Chief Executive

### Decision Route

Council	20 July 2016	
Cabinet	25 July 2016	CAB 27
Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee	2 August 2016	Minute No 39
Cabinet	20 September 2016	

### Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee Recommendations

The Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee, at its meeting held on 2 August 2016, considered Cabinet decision CAB 27 and made the following recommendations:

- (a) That the Business Case would be enhanced if it could be shown that Town and Parish Councils had been consulted about the possible devolution of powers to their level and were in support. As such, Scrutiny recommends that building the business case includes engagement with Towns and Parishes so that we can demonstrate to the Secretary of State a partnership approach at an early stage.
- (b) That the business case be the subject of pre-decision scrutiny prior to it going to Cabinet and Council in January 2017.