

Ambition Board 2: Tackling Disadvantage: Introduction



Ambition Board 2 – First Meeting

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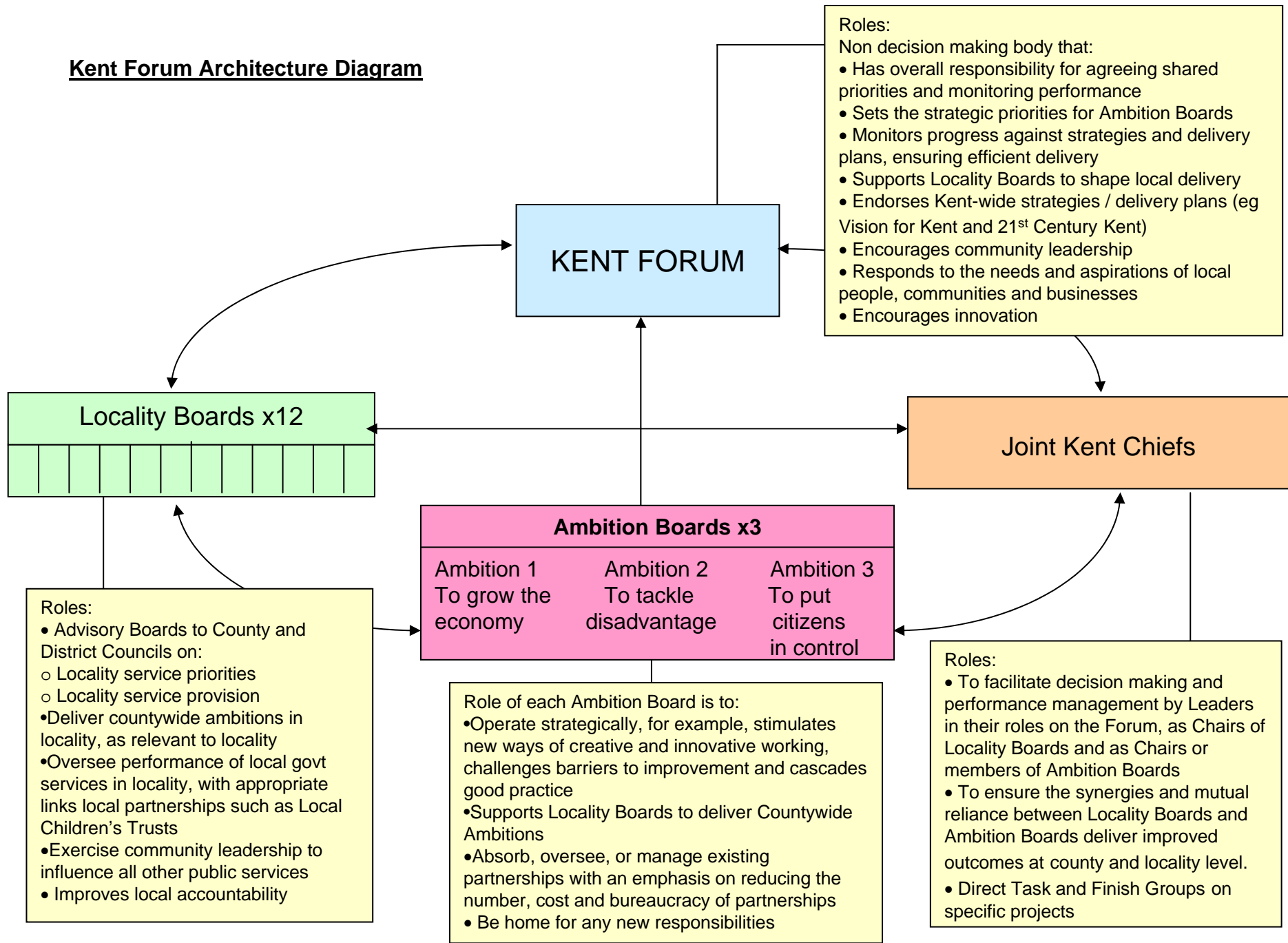
Kent Forum Team



Drivers of Change

- National
 - Massive reform in central government structures and national / regional and agencies;
 - Significant policy changes;
 - Deficit reduction programme;
 - Replacing top down control with localism;
 - Focus on Big Society
- Local
 - Inject more democratic accountability;
 - Rationalise the number of partnerships;
 - Provide a focus on delivering priorities;
 - Stimulate effective joint working by partners;
 - Support the development of the localism agenda;

Kent Forum Architecture Diagram



Our Response...Kent Forum

- Kent Forum
 - Overall responsibility for co-ordinating and agreeing shared priorities and progress, encouraging community leadership, and supporting new initiatives’
 - ‘take strategic decisions and deliver local public services and seek genuine devolution of powers to both county and district level’
- Kent Recommitment
 - Increase democratic accountability
 - Plan and deliver services in Kent
 - Devolution to appropriate level, responding to need
 - Champion needs of local residents and business

Our Response...Vision for Kent

- Vision for Kent
 - Sets out the three big ambitions that aim to make Kent a better place
- Ambition 2: To Tackle Disadvantage
 - For Kent to be a county of opportunity, where aspiration rather than dependency is supported and quality of life is high for everyone.

Ambition Board - Concept

- Role
 - act strategically as a ‘change agent’
 - ask the difficult questions
 - examine and stimulate alternative ways of delivering services
 - pilot new ideas through Locality Boards
 - resolve barriers to improvement
 - minimise bureaucracy associated with partnership working
 - cascade good practice

Ambition Board - Process

- Membership
- Light touch Terms of Reference
- Support (secretariat and policy support)
- Action planning
- Forward Agendas
- Reporting to Kent Forum

Next Steps

- Today's meeting:
 - Discuss Governance arrangements
 - Agree focus of Ambition Board
 - Begin to develop a work plan
- Updates:
 - Joint Kent Chiefs – 6 July
 - Kent Forum – 22 July
- Next Meeting:
 - Agree Governance arrangements
 - Confirm work plan / performance management
 - Start adding value...