

Ambition Board 3: Putting Citizens In Control Introduction



Ambition Board 3 – First Meeting

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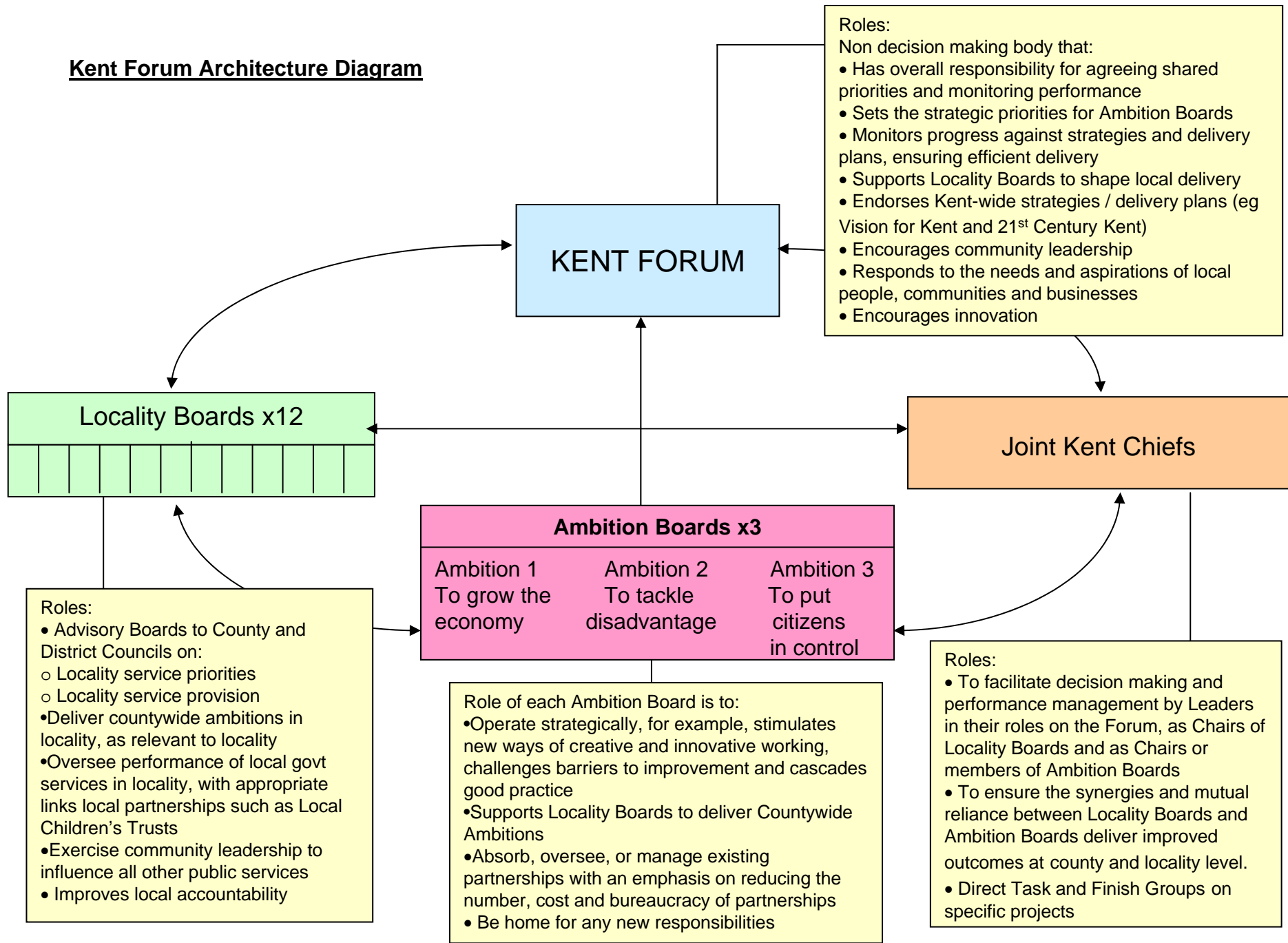
Kent Forum Team



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
 - Increasingly democratic
 - Devolution to appropriate level
 - Plan and deliver services across Local Government
 - Stand-up for local communities

Our Response...Vision for Kent

- Vision for Kent
 - Sets out the three big ambitions that aim to make Kent a better place
- Ambition 3: Putting Citizens In Control
 - For power and influence to be in the hands of local people so they are able to take responsibility for themselves, their families and their communities

Ambition Board

- Role
 - ‘to act strategically as a ‘change agent’’
 - ‘to stimulate new ways of working, challenge barriers to improvement and cascade good practice’
 - Support Locality Boards to deliver Countywide Ambitions in each locality
 - Absorb, oversee, or manage existing partnerships
- Process
 - Membership
 - Forward Agendas
 - Action planning / Reporting
 - Partnerships / Strategies
 - Short-term actions
 - Long-term change

Locality Boards

- Role
 - advise county and district councils on the public service priorities for the Locality;
 - deliver countywide ambitions within the locality
 - advise county and district councils on service provision, moving towards combined place based commissioning where appropriate;
 - improve the local accountability to residents;
 - oversee public services in each Locality:
- Journey
 - Start of a journey to bring more democratic accountability to local services;
 - Set up initially as 'advisory';
 - Some will evolve faster than others;
 - Ambition in places to move towards joint commissioning arrangements;
 - Learning through 'locality pilots'.

Connectivity

Between Ambition and Locality Boards:

- Clearly defined separate functions but evident linkages:
 - Encourage stimulating innovative work
 - Test bed for new ways of working
 - Removal of barriers to improvement
 - Rationalisation of partnerships

To the Forum:

- Kent Forum Planning Group
- Kent Forum Briefing
- Kent Forum Website
- Cross Cutting Groups - Environment

Ambition Board Developments

- Ambition Board 1:
 - Briefing Pack being developed
 - 1st Meeting being arranged

- Ambition Board 2:
 - Ambition Pack prepared
 - 1st meeting on 24 June

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
- Moving forward:
 - Agree Governance arrangements
 - Confirm work plan / performance management
 - Start adding value...