

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011**

Present: Councillor Garland (Chairman), and
Councillors Greer, Hotson, Mrs Ring and J.A. Wilson

Also Present: Councillor Barned

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

28. URGENT ITEMS

The Leader of the Council agreed to take as urgent the report of the Head of Democratic Services because of the need to respond to the Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP) relating to the Rural Economy Review by the deadline of 13 July 2011.

29. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor John Barned indicated his wish to speak on Agenda item 11 – Reference from the Housing Consultative Board – Housing Strategy 2011/12 – 14/15.

30. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no Disclosures by Members and Officers.

31. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no Disclosures of lobbying.

32. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the Items on the Agenda be taken in public as proposed.

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 June 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

34. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

DECISION MADE:

1. That the Annual Governance Statement, as attached at Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive, be endorsed.
2. That the Statement be referred to the Audit Committee.

To view full details of this decision, please click here:-

<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=462>

35. CHANNEL SHIFT STRATEGY

DECISION MADE: That the Channel Shift Strategy 2012-2015, as set out at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Business Improvement be adopted.

To view full details of this decision, please click here:-

<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=464>

36. HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-2015

The Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services regarding the Housing Strategy 2011 – 2015, including the recommendation of the Housing Consultative Board.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL:

1. That the draft Housing Strategy 2011/12 – 2014/15 be approved for public consultation.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services and the Head of Housing and Community Services to amend the draft Housing Strategy as required following consultation.

37. REFERENCE FROM THE HOUSING CONSULTATIVE BOARD - HOUSING STRATEGY 2011/12-14/15

The Cabinet considered the Reference from the Housing Consultative Board – Housing Strategy 2011/12 – 14/15 in conjunction with the report of the Head of Housing and Community Service – Housing Strategy 2011 – 2015.

38. LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

DECISION MADE:

1. That the amended Local Code of Corporate Governance, as set out in Appendix A of the report of the Chief Executive, be approved.
2. That the views of the Audit Committee be sought.

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39. REVENUES AND BENEFITS SHARED SERVICE UPDATE

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities – Revenues and Benefits Shared Service Update.

RESOLVED: That the progress of the shared service arrangement entered into with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for the delivery of the Revenues and Benefits function be noted.

40. FORWARD PLAN

The Cabinet considered the report of the Leader of the Council regarding the Forward Plan 01 August to 30 November 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Forward Plan for the period 01 August to 30 November 2011 be noted, subject to the following amendment:

The Communications and Engagement Strategy Report to the Cabinet Meeting on 10 August 2011.

41. RURAL ECONOMY REVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SCRAIP)

DECISION MADE: That the response to the SCRAIP, as set out at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Democratic Services, relating to the Rural Economy Review, be agreed.

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42. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30pm to 6.59pm