

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2012**

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

**Also Present:** Councillor FitzGerald

130. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

131. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

132. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor Mike Fitzgerald indicated his wish to speak on Agenda items 8, 10 and 15.

133. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

134. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of Lobbying.

135. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

136. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

137. 2012/13 REFRESH OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

DECISION MADE:

1. That Council be recommended to adopt the refreshed Strategic Plan 2011-15, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, subject to the following amendments:

- a. That it be noted that the Leisure and Culture Strategy is now integrated with the Economic Development Strategy.
  - b. All reference to Neighbourhood Forums be deleted.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to make minor amendments in consultation with the Leader as required.

138. IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2012-15

DECISION MADE: That the Improvement Plan 2012-15 be adopted.

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

<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=546>

139. BUDGET STRATEGY 2012/13 ONWARDS

DECISION MADE:

That Council be recommended to:

- a) Agree the revised revenue estimate for 2011/12, as set out in Appendices B and C of the report of the Corporate Leadership Team, as modified, if necessary, by any actions agreed as a result of the Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report for 2011/12;
- b) Agree the revenue estimate for 2012/13 as set out in Appendices B and C of the report of the Corporate Leadership Team, incorporating the growth and savings items;
- c) Agree that the minimum level of General Fund balances be set at £2m for 2012/13;
- d) Agree to set a level of working balances for day to day activity for 2012/13 of £2.3m;
- e) Agree the proposal not to update the capital programme subject to any changes agreed in the Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report for 2011/12;
- f) Agree a Council Tax level of £222.39 at Band D for 2012/13 (a second year freeze at 2010/11 values);
- g) Endorse the Medium term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendix F to the report of the Corporate Leadership Team;
- h) Agree the Council Tax requirement and the Estimates for 2012/13 relating to the report of the Corporate Leadership Team, as required by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

140. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2012 13

DECISION MADE: That Council be recommended to adopt the Treasury Management Strategy 2012-13.

141. QUARTER 3 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT

The Cabinet considered the report of the Policy and Performance Manager regarding the Quarter Three Key Performance Indicator.

RESOLVED: That the progress and out-turns of Key Performance Indicators as set out in the report be noted.

142. THIRD QUARTER REVENUE & CAPITAL MONITORING

DECISION MADE:

1. That the satisfactory revenue position at the end of the third quarter 2011/12 be noted.
2. That the slippage and re-profiling in the capital programme to 2012/13, as set out below, be agreed.
  - a. Renovation Grants budget - £100,000 re-profiled into 2012/13
  - b. High Street Budget - £347,840 re-profiled into 2012/13
  - c. CCTV Control Room - £250,000 to be utilised to fund works needed at the Medway CCTV Control Room; £50,000 required in current financial year with the remaining £200,000 re-profiled into 2012/13.
  - d. Gypsy Site Improvements - £100,000 re-profiled into 2012/13
  - e. Green Spaces Strategy budget - £10,000 anticipated to slip into 2012/13
  - f. Maidstone Museum – an overspend is anticipated, but resources to fund this have been identified from balances.

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143. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAIDSTONE LOCALITY BOARD

DECISION MADE:

1. That the changes to the county-wide partnership architecture be noted.

2. That the dissolution of the Maidstone Local Strategic Partnership be noted.
3. That the proposals for the formal establishment of a Locality Board for Maidstone Borough be agreed.

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144. OLYMPICS 2012 - TORCH RELAY EVENT

DECISION MADE:

1. That the content of the Torch Relay celebrations be noted and endorsed.
2. That a budget provision of up to £170,000, to be allocated from balances, be agreed.

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145. FORWARD PLAN

The Cabinet considered the report of the Leader of the Council regarding the Forward Plan 01 March 2012 and 30 June 2012.

RESOLVED; That the Forward Plan for the period 01 March 2012 to 30 June 2012 be noted.

146. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30pm to 7.09 pm.