

# AGENDA

## CABINET MEETING



Date: Wednesday 10 July 2013  
Time: 6.30 pm  
Venue: Town Hall, High Street,  
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Garland (Chairman), Greer, Moss,  
Paine, Mrs Ring and J.A. Wilson

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6. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information
7. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 June 2013

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**Alison Broom, Chief Executive, Maidstone Borough Council,  
Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone Kent ME15 6JQ**

## 8. Petition

Notice has been given pursuant to Executive Procedure Rule 2.6 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:-

Proposed plan to build circ. 600 houses including an access road and proposed development through Bluebell Wood - East of Hermitage lane.

We the undersigned call upon Maidstone Borough Council to deliver upon their duty under the National Planning Policy Framework to urgently act to protect ancient Bluebell Wood and its landscape setting from any damage and disturbance by developers Croudace.

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2013**

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

**Also Present:** Councillors Mrs Joy, Pickett and Mrs Wilson

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Paine.

35. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

36. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor Mrs Joy indicated her wish to speak on Agenda Item 8 – Culture and Leisure Services, Councillor Mrs Wilson indicated her wish to speak on Agenda Item 9 – Economic Development Team Structure and Councillor Pickett was in attendance.

37. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

38. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

39. EXEMPT ITEMS

**RESOLVED:** That the Items on Part II of the Agenda be considered in public, but the information contained therein remain private.

40. MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes (Part I and Part II) of the Meetings held on 12 June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

41. CULTURE AND LEISURE SERVICES

**DECISION MADE:**

1. That the staffing structure changes identified in the Exempt Appendix to the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities,

subject to the appropriate consultation, be agreed and delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to make minor changes, in consultation with the Leader.

2. That the establishment of a new business team called Maidstone Culture and Leisure(MCL) under the Head of Commercial and Economic Development be agreed.
3. That the principle of reducing the net cost of cultural and leisure services to the Council be agreed and delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Communities to progress the projects identified in paragraphs 1.3.7 – 1.3.9 of the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities and, in particular, agree:-
  - (i) The adaption of the current business plan for the Council's museums, developing new ways to generate income.
  - (ii) The establishment of a consolidated events programme with new and varied entertainment.
  - (iii) The introduction of a leisure card to offer a range of discounts and promotions to both residents and visitors.
  - (iv) The principle of a Mote Park adventure zone, subject to the necessary approvals and consents being achieved.
  - (v) The possible provision of a new café and retail outlet for Mote Park to be considered as part of the Council's capital programme.
  - (vi) A review of parking demand and traffic management inside and outside Mote Park be undertaken including consultation with residents living adjacent to the park and park users regarding both day to day arrangements and those put in place when events are held in the park.
4. That full details of the various projects, with the supporting business plans, for Maidstone Culture and Leisure be provided in future reports to the relevant Cabinet Member.

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#### 42. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM STRUCTURE

##### DECISION MADE:

1. That the proposals set out in the Exempt Appendix to the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities, subject to consultation with staff and the trade unions.
2. That delegated authority to make changes to the proposals following the staff consultation, be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Human Resources and the Leader of the Council.

3. That the growth in base budget for the additional posts, on a phased basis during the period 2013/14 to 2015/16, with the use of growth point revenue grant to cover the gap in the base budget to 2015/16 be agreed.

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43. DURATION OF MEETING

9.30 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.