

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: 27 April 2016

**EQUALITIES OBJECTIVES UPDATE**

**Issue for Decision**

To review the progress of the Equalities Objectives – Actions and Measurements – set in 2015 and agree or identify areas where further improvements can be made.

**Decision Made**

- 1) That the progress made on the Equality Objectives in the performance update against the identified actions and measurements, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Policy and Communications, be noted; and
- 2) That the Equality Objectives be reviewed annually and aligned with the strategic planning process.

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**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN 2015 - 18**

**Issue for Decision**

To review the progress of key strategies, plans and performance indicators that support the delivery of the Strategic Plan 2015-20.

**Decision Made**

- 1) That the summary of overall performance for 2015/16 of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the end of year corporate strategies and plans update as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Policy and Communications be noted;
- 2) That updates on performance indicators where information is not available to report, but will be available in the future, be included as part of the Quarter 1 Performance Plan in July;
- 3) That the new set of Key Performance Indicators to support the delivery for the Strategic Plan 2015-20 which was refreshed in 2016, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report of the Head of Policy and Communications, be agreed; and
- 4) That an update is received at the July meeting of this Committee on engagement with Parish Councils.

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**PUBLIC REALM PHASE THREE**

**Issue for Decision**

To seek approval for progression of Phase 3 of the Public Realm - North End of Week Street project.

**Decision Made**

- 1) That approval be given to go out to tender for the appointment of a design team for Phase 3 – North end of Week Street and Gabriel’s Hill subject to the agreement of the design brief as per the recommendations set out below;
- 2) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Heritage, Culture and Leisure Committee; Communities, Housing and Environment Committee; and Policy and Resources Committee to agree the final design brief;
- 3) That a working group be formed for this project which will act as a sounding board for the design consultants. This group will consist of the chairs and vice-chairs of the Committees outlined in recommendation 2 above or their nominated substitutes;
- 4) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Mid Kent Legal Services to agree and enter into a contract with the successful bidder;
- 5) That the parallel piece of work commissioned to produce a Public Realm Policy for the town centre, as set out in paragraph 2.12 of the report of the Head of Commercial and Economic Development be noted, a draft of which will be presented to the relevant Committees in August 2016;
- 6) That approval be given to submit a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and any other appropriate fund that may become available for the Townscape Heritage Fund, for Gabriel’s Hill; and

- 7) That approval be given to finance the Public Realm Phase 3 project with estimated capital costs of £3.1m, which includes the design fees and HLF fees.

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**RECRUITMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF MID KENT SERVICES**

**Issue for Decision**

A report to seek approval to start the process of appointing a Director of Shared Services.

**Decision Made**

- 1) That the post of Director of Mid Kent Services to be employed by Maidstone Borough Council be confirmed;
- 2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to commence the process of recruitment and appointment; and
- 3) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to sign the collaboration agreement between the three Councils on behalf of Maidstone Borough Council and that this must be signed by all parties before the recruitment process commences.

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**AMENDMENT TO BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE ACQUISITION OF  
LAND AND PROPERTY**

**Issue for Decision**

To consider an amendment to the short term holding strategy.

**Decision Made**

- 1) That the change to the short term holding strategy be approved;
- 2) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee to make changes to the Business Plan that result in the same or better outcomes i.e. more cost effective, for Maidstone Borough Council and to revert to the original holding strategy if the preferred option as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the exempt report of the Interim Director of Regeneration and Place is not deliverable;
- 3) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Legal Services to negotiate and sign a lease(s) (together with any other associated documents) with a charity(s) or commercial organisation(s) for the short term use of the site.

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**RIVERS MEDWAY, TEISE AND BEULT FLOOD ALLEVIATION -  
OPTION APPRAISAL**

**Issue for Decision**

To consider the flood alleviation options assessed by the Environment Agency.

**Decision Made**

- 1) That the Council continues to engage with its flood alleviation partners to identify routes to deliver funding for all flood alleviation options currently modelled by the Environment Agency as well as proposed methods of protection as set out in Section 2.22 of the exempt report of the Head of Finance and Resources; and
- 2) That the Council requests that the Environment Agency does not commence public consultation on flood alleviation measures for the Rivers Medway, Teise and Beult until all the relevant information is available for the measures as set out in paragraph 2.22 and Appendix A to the exempt report of the Head of Finance and Resources and that before consultation commences, Maidstone Borough Council Members and Parish Councils are briefed.

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**TO CONSIDER A PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

**Issue for Decision**

To consider a further report on the acquisition of a property

**Decision Made**

- 1) That the Committee considers the wider economic benefits of the acquisition;
- 2) That the Head of Finance and Resources be granted delegated authority to conclude the negotiations with the owner; and
- 3) That the Head of Mid Kent Legal Services be authorised to complete the purchase on the terms as agreed by the Head of Finance and Resources.

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