

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

Decision Made: Wednesday 17 February 2016

**Report of the Head of Revenues and Benefits - Irrecoverable  
Business Rates**

**Issue for Decision**

To agree to write off 13 irrecoverable business rate debts to the value of £460,022.

**Decision Made**

That the irrecoverable business rates listed on Appendix A of the report to the Committee on 17 February 2016 be approved for write off.

Should you wish to refer this decision to Council, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by five Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 26 February 2016
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**Report of the Head of Audit Partnership - Comprehensive  
Risk Register Update**

**Issue for Decision**

To agree the outline of a refreshed way to achieve a comprehensive risk management approach at Maidstone Borough Council.

**Decision Made**

1. That the key risks facing the Council and the measures in place for their management be noted.
2. That six monthly updates on the risk position of the Council be reported to the Committee.
3. That a report on a formal statement of the Council's risk appetite be submitted to the Committee for approval by September 2016.

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**Report of the Head of Finance and Resources - Third Quarter  
Budget Monitoring 2015-16**

**Issue for Decision**

To note the update on the Council's capital and revenue expenditure as at the end of December 2015 compared to the approved budgets. To also note the current performance on collection fund and treasury management matters.

**Decision Made**

1. That the Authority's Revenue position at the end of December 2015, i.e. end of Quarter 3 for 2015/16 be noted.
2. That the slippage position and re-profiling of the Capital Programme for 2015/16 be agreed.
3. That details of progress on the Collection Fund, General Fund Balances and treasury Management activity be noted.

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**Report of the Head of Finance and Resources - New Homes  
Bonus**

**Issue for Decision**

To agree a response to the 14 questions in the Department for Communities and Local Government consultation document "New Homes Bonus: Sharpening the Incentive".

**Decision Made**

That the proposed responses to the consultation, as set out in Appendix B of the report dated 17 February 2016 be agreed for submission with the response to question 3 amended to read as follows:

"The Council's view is that it should be retained. The current measure, through a recognised and reconciled return to central government, creates consistency and reduces the risk of error or fraud in the calculation. The results are identifiable, meaningful and comprehensible."

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