

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING,
SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: Tuesday 08 September 2015

**Budget Monitoring 2015-16 and Medium Term Financial
Strategy 2016-17 Onwards**

Issue for Decision

To note the financial analysis of the recent outturn for 2014/15, the current performance in the first quarter of 2015/16 and the recently agreed draft medium term financial strategy for 2016/17 onwards.

Decision Made

1. That the outturn for 2014/15 and the position for 2015/16 as at the end of June 2015 be noted.
2. That the Committee requests an informal meeting with relevant officers to discuss budget pressures and opportunities to provide savings to support the medium term financial strategy and that the suggestions of that informal meeting be reported to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration.
3. That the Committee also requests that potential capital projects be informally discussed at that meeting and that the suggestions of that informal meeting be reported to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration.

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Landscapes of Local Value

Issue for Decision

To approve amendments to draft policy SP5 and its supporting text, as an update to a previous report that identified Landscapes of Local Value as requested by Committee.

Decision Made

1. That the Committee's commitment to an SP5 policy that contains Landscapes of Local Value be noted.
2. That the amendments to draft policy SP5 and its supporting text set out at Appendix Two to the urgent update report of the Head of Planning and Development be approved for further public consultation (Regulation 18 consultation) subject to the following further amendments:

Paragraph 5.72 first sentence to read: 'The foreground of the AONB and the wider setting is taken to include the land which sits at and beyond the foot of the scarp slope of the North Downs and the wider views thereof.'

Paragraph 5.78 to read: 'The Low Weald covers a significant proportion of the countryside, in the rural southern half of the Borough. The Low Weald is recognised as having distinctive landscape features: the field patterns, many of which are medieval in character, hedgerows, stands of trees, ponds and streams and buildings of character should be protected, maintained and enhanced where appropriate. The necessary protection for the area of the Low Weald outside the boundaries of the rural service centres as defined on the policies map is provided under the criteria of policy SP5.'

Criterion 5 sentence to read: 'The distinctive character of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and its setting, the setting of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the extent and openness of the Metropolitan Green Belt will be rigorously protected, maintained and enhanced where appropriate;'

Criterion 6 sentence to read: 'The Greensand Ridge, Medway Valley, Len Valley and Loose Valley, as defined on the policies map, will be protected, maintained and enhanced where appropriate as landscapes of local value;'

3. That the revised Appendix A Maidstone Borough Local Plan 2014 Consultation Issues and Responses to Policy SP(6) Landscapes of Local Value as set out in the urgent update be approved.
4. That the plan attached at Appendix Two to the urgent update report be approved for further public consultation (Regulation 18 consultation).

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Maidstone Borough Local Plan Transport Policies

Issue for Decision

To consider the responses to the Regulation 18 public consultation on the Maidstone Borough Local Plan for policies DM13 (Sustainable Transport), DM14 (Public Transport) and DM15 (Park and Ride), PKR1 (1) (Linton Crossroads) and PKR1 (2) (Old Sittingbourne Road).

Decision Made

1. That the officer responses to the representations submitted during public consultation on the draft Maidstone Borough Local Plan 2014 for policies DM13 (Sustainable Transport), DM14 (Public Transport) and DM15 (Park and Ride), set out in Appendix One be approved.
2. That the officer responses to the representations submitted during public consultation on the draft Maidstone Borough Local Plan 2014 for policies PKR1(1) (Linton Crossroads) and PKR1(2) (Old Sittingbourne Road) set out at Appendix Two be approved.
3. That the proposed changes to the supporting text (which include reference to the Leeds Langley Relief Road) and the criteria for policies DM13 (Sustainable Transport) and DM14 (Public Transport) set out at Appendix Four to the report be approved for Regulation 19 Consultation.
4. The proposed changes to Policy DM15 (Park and Ride) deleting reference to the park & ride sites at Linton Crossroads and Old Sittingbourne Road set out at Appendix Five to the report and the deletion of policy PKR1 and as consequence PKR1(1) and PKR1(2) as set out at paragraphs 4.21, 4.23 and at paragraphs 4.57 to 4.62 within the report be approved for further Regulation 18 Consultation.
5. That Officers be directed to continue the preparation of a revised draft Integrated Transport Strategy in conjunction with Kent County Council which reflects recommendation 3 and 4 above and that the completed draft should be reported for consideration to a subsequent meeting of this Committee and the Maidstone Joint Transportation Board, with an early draft to be provided to the November meeting of the Committee.

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