

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: 12 April 2016

**RESPONSE TO REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL ON YOUNG PEOPLE AND HOMELESSNESS**

**Issue for Decision**

Response to a Referral from Council following a motion from Cllr Harper on Young People and Homelessness.

**Decision Made**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Committee agrees to explore the promotion of a Seminar on housing and instructs the Head of Housing and Community Services to report back in June 2016 with proposals for the Committee to consider; and
- (2) That the Committee considers sending a delegation to other local housing authority areas to explore and make recommendations about best practice in tackling homelessness.

Should you wish to refer this decision to the Policy and Resources Committee, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by three Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 20 April 2016
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**UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT MATRIX**

**Issue for Decision**

To approve the matrix for use across the borough when assessing levels of harm caused to local communities and the environment by alleged unauthorised developments and sites of significant concern.

**Decision Made**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee approve the matrix, attached as Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services, for use across the borough when assessing levels of harm caused to local communities and environment in order to prioritise various enforcement actions relating to unauthorised sites within the borough.

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**REVIEW OF WASTE STRATEGY 2014-19**

**Issue for Decision**

To review the performance of the current waste strategy and approve various targets.

**Decision Made**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) The Committee notes the progress made so far against the objectives set out in the Waste Strategy 2014-2019 as detailed in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm;
- (2) The Committee revises the target for recycling, reuse and composting to 55% by 2020;
- (3) The Committee agrees a new target to be included in the Waste Strategy of achieving less than 8% contamination of recycling; and
- (4) The Committee agrees the action plan to support the waste strategy, as set out in Appendix D to the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm.

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