

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Decision Made: 11 April 2017

**Report of the Head of Planning and Development: Headcorn
Neighbourhood Plan - Examiner's Report**

Issue for Decision

To note the findings of the Examiner of the Headcorn Neighbourhood Plan and to agree not to move the Plan to referendum.

Decision Made

That the item be deferred to the next meeting.

Background Papers

None

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**Report of the Head of Policy and Communications: Key
Performance Indicators 2017-18**

Issue for Decision

To agree which key performance indicators are reported to this Committee in 2017-18.

Decision Made

1. That the KPIs for this Committee for 2017-18 will be:
 - Processing of major planning applications in 13 weeks
 - Processing of minor applications
 - Processing of other applications
 - Net additional homes provided (NI 154)
 - Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)
2. That updates on the progress of the Integrated Transport Strategy are brought to this Committee.

Background Papers

None

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**Report of the Head of Planning and Development: Boughton
Monchelsea and Linton Conservation Areas**

Issue for Decision

To consider and approve a Conservation Area Management Plan for the Boughton Monchelsea Conservation Areas; to consider and approve a report for the extension of Linton Conservation Area

Decision Made

1. That a Conservation Area Management Plan for the three conservation areas in Boughton Monchelsea be approved
2. That the Head of Planning and Development be given delegated authority to make the decision to effect proposed boundary alterations to Linton Conservation Area following consultation with affected bodies and landowners

Background Papers

None

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**Report of the Head of Planning and Development: E-Planning
- Parish Copies of Applications**

Issue for Decision

To note the decision to remove hardcopies to parishes will be implemented with effect from 1 April 2018. With parishes provided with hardcopies of plans only, from June 2017 to 31 March 2018

Decision Made

1. That the move towards a thin file format be supported
2. That thin file format copies of planning applications not be withdrawn until further notice
3. That Officers consult on and trial the thin file approach with Parish Councils

Background Papers

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**Report of the Head of Planning and Development: Housing
White Paper**

Issue for Decision

To agree the report outlining the main provisions of the Housing White Paper and the content of the Council's response to its planning provisions.

Decision Made

1. That the responses set out in the body of the report be agreed as a basis for the Council's consultation response to the planning aspects of the Housing White Paper
2. That the report also includes:
 - a. Added concern about subdivision of development sites
 - b. Support for enhanced powers for compulsory purchase orders
 - c. Support for land amalgamation powers
 - d. Additional comment on the sliding scale of discounts over time for discounted property scales
3. That the Chairman and Vice Chairman have sight of the final response before submission

Background Papers

Housing White Paper

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**Report of the Head of Planning and Development: South
Eastern Rail Franchise Public Consultation**

Issue for Decision

To approve the draft response for submission to the consultation, subject to any amendments agreed by this Committee.

Decision Made

That the draft response (Appendix B) is approved for submission to the consultation, subject to the addition of a comment highlighting the need for early morning commuter services and the incorporation of a comment in favour of the prioritisation of re-signalling work to increase the speed of services in between Ashford and Victoria.

Background Papers

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**Report of the Head of Planning and Development: Air Quality
Technical Guidance**

Issue for Decision

To decide whether to instruct officers to prepare draft Air Quality Technical Guidance for Maidstone Borough.

Decision Made

That officers prepare draft Air Quality Technical Guidance for Maidstone Borough, adapted from the Kent and Medway Air Quality Partnership guidance, with the intention of this Committee adopting the Guidance for development management purposes.

Background Papers

None

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