

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Garland (Chairman), and
Councillors Ash, Greer, Mrs Ring and Wooding

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Councillors Field, FitzGerald, Mrs Joy,
Mortimer, Parr and Mrs Wilson

98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Moss.

99. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

100. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor FitzGerald indicated his wish to speak on Item 9 – Maidstone Road Safety Review and Councillor Field indicated his wish to speak on Item 10 – Best Value Review of Waste and Recycling.

101. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

102. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

103. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on Part II of the agenda be taken in private as proposed.

104. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 October 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

105. AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

DECISION MADE: That the allocation of £400k towards the cost of the proposed scheme at Oxford Gardens, Shepway (as outlined in the exempt

appendix to the report of the Director of Prosperity and Regeneration) to part fund and provide 40 high quality new affordable homes for social rent and shared ownership or intermediate rent, in partnership with Circle Anglia be agreed.

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106. FIT FOR THE ROAD - MAIDSTONE ROAD SAFETY REVIEW

DECISION MADE:

1. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Change and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Leader, to respond in writing to the recommendations of the Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. That a further recommendation that the Cabinet review this issue annually is added to the recommendations in the Fit for the Road – Maidstone Road Safety Review report.

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107. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF WASTE AND RECYCLING

DECISION MADE:

1. That there are no further options or areas of analysis to be considered;
2. That the proposals for service delivery as set out in Option 1 of the report of the Director of Change and Environmental Services be explored, which includes the following:
 - i. A Council Waste and Recycling Strategy is produced;
 - ii. A fairer distribution of the recycling credits within Kent is sought;
 - iii. Given the high levels of waste generated and the current service cost an alternate weekly waste collection is considered;
 - iv. A separate food waste collection is investigated;
 - v. Bring sites and the facilities for the recycling of plastics and glass are expanded;
 - vi. Expressions of interest are sought from the private and voluntary sector to develop a programme to reuse materials;
 - vii. Greater home composting is encouraged with the green waste service;
 - viii. Better use is made of technology to enable residents to access information and services and improve reporting;

- ix. As part of a renewed bulky service the freighter service is withdrawn across the borough;
 - x. Facilities are promoted more extensively and plans for an additional household waste recycling centre are pursued with the County Council;
 - xi. Options for the collection of commercial waste are investigated further; and
 - xii. Robust monitoring arrangements are established with a greater focus on the outcomes achieved.
3. That the range of smaller recommendations set out under each stream of the review be agreed. These include:
- That the Council signs up to the national waste and recycling commitment;
 - That the Council considers further steps that can be taken to prevent waste generation and the top priorities in the waste hierarchy;
 - To increase the information available to residents on the alternative Household Waste and Recycling Centres in neighbouring boroughs;
 - To look at the opportunity to work with a furniture reuse company to deal with bulky waste; and
 - To monitor the development of alternative fuels and explore the opportunities for trialling alternative.
4. That an Implementation Plan is prepared for consideration by Cabinet in January 2010.

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108. BUDGET MONITORING - SECOND QUARTER 2009/10

DECISION MADE:

1. That the position, as detailed in the report of the Head of Finance, be noted.
2. That resources totalling £255,000 (as set out in paragraph 1.4.6 of the report of the Head of Finance) be held in preparation for potential year end revenue pressures subject to continued action by managers to mitigate the adverse variances identified.
3. That the growth items for park & ride and commercial rents be included in the budget strategy for 2010/11 onwards (as set out in paragraph 1.4.5 of the report of the Head of Finance).
4. That the proposals for slippage in the capital programme (as set out in paragraph 1.7.4 of the report of the Head of Finance) be agreed,

subject to the deletion of recycling as this matter has now been resolved.

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109. QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2009/10

DECISION MADE:

1. That the progress being made be noted;
2. That the targets for the next three years for the national indicators shown at Appendix D of the report of the Policy and Performance Manager be agreed.

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110. FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Forward Plan for the period 1 December 2009 to 31 March 2010 be noted.

111. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.42 p.m.