

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

REFERENCE FROM THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT ADVISORY GROUP

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1. ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09
- 1.2 On 2 December 2008, the Local Development Document Advisory Group considered the report of the Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy regarding the submission of the Annual Monitoring Report ("AMR") to the Secretary of State.
- 1.3 Some Members of the Group had requested amendments and a copy of these were circulated at the meeting. The members concerned explained the reasoning behind the amendments. The Group were informed that a programme of re-surveying the ancient woodland areas will take place over the next 3 years and this would result in changes to the relevant indicator.
- 1.4 Following the meeting, a rogue figure was identified in the AMR housing trajectory (table 3.8). The figure 1,836 was incorrectly inserted into the SHLAA column for the year 2012/2013. As a result, the subsequent figures in the table were incorrectly calculated. The figures in table 3.8 have now been recalculated and the associated graphs (figures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3) amended. The amended table and graphs have been attached for your convenience. The corrected trajectory still demonstrates that the Council is able to achieve the 11,080 requirement.
- 1.5 The amended AMR is attached at Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration be recommended to approve the Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Secretary of State, subject to the following amendments (text to be deleted has been struck out and replacement text is highlighted in yellow):-

- i) Para 2.11: People who live or work in Maidstone earn more than **the** ~~in Kent~~ **average** (excluding Medway). Earnings continued to increase from 2007 to 2008 (latest figures). **There is however a marked disparity (10.42%) between those who work in Maidstone and those who commute to London or elsewhere** ~~People who live in Maidstone earn more than those who work in Maidstone. This is because people who live in Maidstone often commute to London and elsewhere to work. In 2008, the average Maidstone resident earned £23,975 and the average person who worked in Maidstone earned £21,713, this is a disparity of 10.42%.~~
- ii) Para 2.13: However, Maidstone's Growth Point status will attract new investment for regeneration and improved transport links. **Surprisingly despite the towns proximity to London (2.11 above)** 46.1% (2001 census)

of all journeys to work are made within Maidstone Borough. ~~This is a relatively high rate given the town's proximity to London.~~

- iii) Para 4.14: However, **such** conditions are unnecessary if **either the new build is on the footprint of the existing building or demolition was clearly stated in the plans.** ~~for the remaining dwellings because they are either being built on the footprint of the existing dwelling or it was clearly stated in the plans that the existing dwelling would be demolished.~~
- iv) Para 4.10: Work being undertaken for the Town Centre Study recognises **Maidstone's rivers** ~~the river~~ as a key asset and will look to improve access to the rivers.
- v) Tables 2.5 and 3.14: To incorporate figures for semi-natural ancient woodland if data is available.
- vi) Para 4.8: The word "potential" be removed from the last line.