

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2010

REPORT OF HEAD OF CHANGE AND SCRUTINY

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1. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS REVIEW REPORT

1.1 Issue for Consideration

1.1.1 To consider the Disabled Facilities Grants Review Report.

1.2 Recommendation of Head of Change and Scrutiny

1.2.1 That the Committee considers and approves the Disabled Facilities Grants Review Report and its recommendations for submission subject to any amendments made at this meeting.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 At its meeting on 30 June 2009, the Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to carry out a review of disabled facilities grants. The relevant extract from the minutes of that meeting is as follows:

“The Committee agreed that clearance of contaminated land would be its major review of this year. It was noted that there were a number of sensitive issues with regard to this matter, and the Legal Team had been asked for advice on this. A smaller review would also be carried out with regard to disabled facilities grants.”

1.3.2 During the course of the review, the Committee has interviewed a number of witnesses including representatives from Kent County Council, Golding Homes (formerly known as Maidstone Housing Trust), InTouch Home Improvement Agency and service users.

1.3.3 The draft report draws together the evidence obtained over the course of the review.

Report to Follow

