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. <u>DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS REVIEW REPORT</u>

- 1.1 <u>Issue for Consideration</u>
- 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

- 1.4 <u>Alternative Action and why not Recommended</u>
- 1.4.1 The Committee could decide not to approve the recommendations within the Disabled Facilities Grants Review Report, however these are based on evidence as outlined in the report.
- 1.5 <u>Impact on Corporate Objectives</u>
- 1.5.1 The Council's Strategic Plan 2009-12 priority themes include "a place to live and enjoy" and emphasise the need for "Decent homes for vulnerable people" as a means to helping deliver the vision for Maidstone in the Sustainable Community Strategy
- 1.6 Other Implications

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	1.	Financial	
	2.	Staffing	
	3.	Legal	
	4.	Equality Impact Needs Assessment	
	5.	Environmental/Sustainable Development	
	6.	Community Safety	
	7.	Human Rights Act	
	8.	Procurement	
	9.	Asset Management	